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Farage: It's just pub talk

By JACK ELSOM

REFORM'S Nigel Farage dismissed a new dodgy donations scandal as "loose pub talk".

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BY HER LAST BOYFRIEND

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EXCLUSIVE: NOEL & LIAM BACK

They play up to 23 UK gigs and WE have all the dates

OASIS will perform another massive UK tour next summer, The Sun can reveal.

A leaked schedule, subject to minor tweaks, shows Noel and Liam Gallagher will kick off with five nights at Celtic Park in Glasgow in May.

The band will come home to Manchester's Etihad then end in September with six nights at Knebworth, scene of their epic 1996 gigs.

In all they will thrill three million fans across Europe.

By ELLIE HENMAN and HOWELL DAVIES

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Gig reveal . . . Noel and Liam pictured yesterday

oasis 2027 MASTERPLAN

PREZ VOW TO TAKE ISLANDS

Labour `sleepy on Argie threat to Falklands'

KEMI & REFORM SLAM BURNHAM

Call . . Ms Badenoch yesterday

By RYAN SABEY and JEROME STARKEY

LABOUR have been accused of sleeping on their watch, as Argentinian leader Javier Milei makes extraordinary claims on the Falklands.

And PM Andy Burnham – under pressure to ramp up military spending – was warned Britain's foes will line up to "try their luck" after his Government surrendered the Chagos Islands costing at least £3billion.

Firebrand Milei used a TV address to insist: "If we evaluate the structural conditions of the United Kingdom, it is clear that they are in decline. However, Argentina is flourishing, and it will prevail."

He added the "winds are blowing favourably" after US President Donald Trump refused to give whole-hearted support to the idea of helping the UK in any invasion. He said Britain was "not there to help" during the Middle East conflict.

Milei has proposed using the Hong Kong handover to China as a model for Britain passing him control of the Falklands.

He said: "Why not find the agreement so sooner or later the islands return to Argentina? They're ours."

Tory leader Kemi Badenoch warned: "There's a lesson here for our sleepy Labour Government. The madness of surrendering the Chagos Islands means other countries are now trying their luck.

"If we do not defend our own interests, whether on energy or territory, others will happily exploit that weakness."

Robert Jenrick, Reform UK's Treasury spokesman, said: "The sacrifice of our Falklands veterans is set to be betrayed. Why? The Argentinians have taken one look at Burnham and his Defence Secretary Wes Streeting and worked out they're a pair of simps, too weak to defend our islands."

The US provided support for the UK to retake the islands in the South Atlantic following the invasion in 1982. The war saw 255 British service deaths in just over 70 days. The Falkland Islanders voted overwhelmingly to remain a UK overseas territory in a 2013 referendum.

But critics fear Argentina has been buoyed by the decision to hand the Chagos Islands, in the Indian Ocean, to Mauritius. Britain will lease back Diego Garcia, home to a crucial UK-US military base. Mr Burnham is yet to make a comment on the latest Argentine outburst.

But Mr Streeting declared the UK's commitment to the Falklands is "absolute and unshakeable".

Foreign Secretary Ed Miliband added: "The UK's position is unwavering. The Islands are British and will remain so. That is the overwhelming position of the Islanders."

The UK currently spends 2.3 per cent of GDP on defence, but is committed to hitting a Nato-wide target of 3.5 per cent by 2035.

The Government will use next year's spending review to set a date for reaching three per cent. The Tories have pledged £10billion a year extra to hit three per cent by 2030.

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Burnham and Streeting are a pair of simps, too weak to defend our islands
–ROBERT JENRICK

Claim . . . Milei hits out & war scene, right

War ace . . Maj Gen Thompson

TOP VET: CUT THE BULL

By JEROME STARKEY

FALKLANDS war commander Major General Julian Thompson blasted Argentina's threats to take the islands as "bullst".**

The ex-Royal Marine Commando said RAF jets would "hammer them" if Argentinian President Javier Milei dared to pick a fight with Britain.

Maj Gen Thompson, 91, who led 3 Commando Brigade in the 1982 conflict, said: "They are just bulls***g as usual."**

He added: "They won't be able to take the Falklands because the Air Force will hammer them."

Four RAF Typhoon fighter jets are based there — as are Army and Navy contingents.

Falkland Islanders, who voted 99.8 per cent to stay part of the UK in 2013, stuck two fingers up at President Trump's hints about support and Argentina's "threats".

They vowed to press on with development — code for drilling for oil. And its elected Legislative Assembly said: "Our future is a matter for people who live here to decide."

Ruling . . . Fahnbulleh

'PM is set to agree to drilling'

By RYAN SABEY

ANDY Burnham is reportedly set to give the green light this month to new North Sea drilling.

The PM is expected to back the Jackdaw gas field project off the Aberdeen coast after hold-ups due to legal claims from environmental groups.

Approval for the venture, which would create thousands of jobs, may come before Parliament goes into recess on September 16, the BBC said.

Shadow Energy Secretary Andrew Bowie said authorising the project is "common sense".

A formal decision will be made by Energy Secretary Miatta Fahnbulleh who is also looking at the Rosebank oil field.

A Government spokesman said: "We do not comment on speculation."

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£2m flag axe cost

A BANKRUPT city plans to spend £2.6million taking down Union Jacks.

Campaigners hoisted the flags in streets as part of national online drive Raise The Colours.

Some 20,000 were put up in Birmingham, court documents reveal – but cost £132 each to remove.

The council – led by Lib Dems and Greens – backed the move despite owing £3.5billion after being declared bankrupt while run by Labour.

Dementia trial hope

PEOPLE in their 50s with no sign of memory loss will take part in a landmark dementia drug trial.

Researchers believe it could tackle toxic brain plaques – the hallmark of Alzheimer's – after just three monthly doses.

Screening begins on Monday. Prof Ramin Nilforooshan, of the PreventTron trial, said it will ask "whether we can act earlier, before symptoms begin" rather than after.

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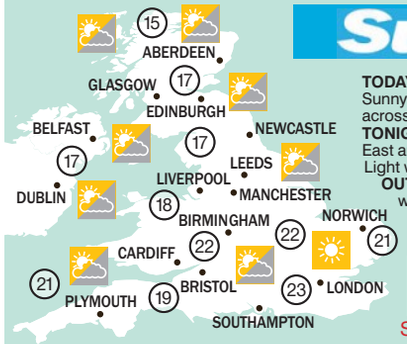

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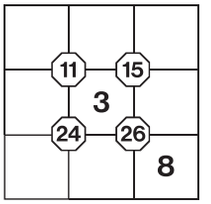

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

COMEDIAN **JOHNNY VEGAS**, **56**, *left*, ex-007 **GEORGE LAZENBY**, **87**, Scream actress **ROSE McGOWAN**, **53**, *right*, singer **SIGRID**, **30**, actor **PADDY CONSIDINE**, **53**, and Beetlejuice star **MICHAEL KEATON**, **75**.

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IT'S BUG BROTHER...

House to jungle . . . presenter AJ hosting Big Brother, and how she might look in I'm A Celebrity

I'M AJ CELEBRITY

Odudu in talks to join camp

BIG Brother host AJ Odudu is in talks to join I'm A Celebrity.

The 38-year-old has told ITV bosses she is "keen as mustard" for a place in the jungle later this year.

AJ is an ITV regular but has seen her work commitments drop off this year.

Her appearances on the main Big Brother show alongside Will Best, starting on September 13, have been cut from 35 to nine – meaning she is free to fly to Australia. A source said: "Once AJ's Big Brother working dates were secured, she put herself into the frame for I'm A Celebrity.

"She's had early conversations about taking part and has made it clear she can absolutely make the dates they need her to.

"AJ loves the show and would love facing the Bushtucker Trials."

The Sun revealed last month how Love Island's Chloe Burrows and influencer Sharky were in talks. It came after we told in the summer how Gavin & Stacey star Joanna Page and presenter Ade Adepitan have also been linked.

A source added: "ITV go to great lengths to secure the line-up they think will best serve the audience.

"Final decisions will be made closer to November when the cast are due to fly out to Australia."

ITV said: "Any names suggested are just speculation."

EXCLUSIVE by ELLIE HENMAN

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Picture: ITV

"Beware of Burnham's bulldozers and Rayner's razers – Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty are being officially disregarded"

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Dominic Mohan

RIDDLE BY RIDDLE, OASIS

Hand in hand . . . pair in Pasadena

Film tells of tension ahead of reunion

By HOWELL DAVIES

YOU could feel the tension between Noel and Liam during rehearsals for their 2025 comeback, directors of their documentary have revealed.

Will Lovelace, who filmed the brothers alongside Dylan Southern for Don't Look Back In Anger, said it lasted until they performed together live once more.

He told Variety magazine: "There was definite tension.

"And, from our perspective as observers, that didn't dissipate until that first moment when the expectant energy of the crowds met the nervousness of the band."

Dylan added there were no soppy scenes when Noel and Liam came face to face for the first time in 16 years.

He said: "It's the Gallaghers, it's not Dawson's Creek. They're not gonna sit down and talk about their emotions.

"It was very workmanlike. There was no kind of messing around. As soon as Liam arrived, it's like, 'Right, are we doing this?'. And they were just going through the whole set."

Producer Steven Knight, who created Peaky Blinders, told The Times: "Everybody was talking about when he would arrive. Then Liam comes in with his bag, puts it down and says, 'Should we do it, then?'.

"Ten seconds later it was 1, 2, 3, 4, and that was it – no hugs, no horrible high fives.

"When I first met Noel, he said he had no idea there would be this tidal wave of interest. They hadn't recorded anything for years, they hadn't been promoting the old albums, but the music had been passed down through generations in their absence.

"When Noel first met the promoters he said, 'What do you mean, stadiums?'. He thought they'd play arenas."

Don't Look Back In Anger has its UK premiere on Monday ahead of a cinematic release on Wednesday.

Reunited . . . Gallaghers

Picture: SPLASH

CLUE KNOW WHAT I MEAN?

Poster hints on gigs

Fans decode mystery

Making waves . . . Noel arrives by boat in Venice ahead of tonight's film premiere

oasis

live '27

Venue . . . Glasgow's Celtic Park

(All provisional dates)
CELTIC PARK, GLASGOW — May 22, 23, 24, 26, 29.

ETIHAD STADIUM, MANCHESTER — June 4, 5, 6, 9, 12, 13, 16, 19, 20, 23, 26 and 27.

STADE DE FRANCE, PARIS — July 3 and 4.

ALLIANZ ARENA, MUNICH — July 10 and 11.

SAN SIRO STADIUM, MILAN — July 17 and 18.

STADIO OLIMPICO, ROME — July 24 and 25.

SLANE CASTLE, DUBLIN — August 6, 7, 8, 11 and 14.

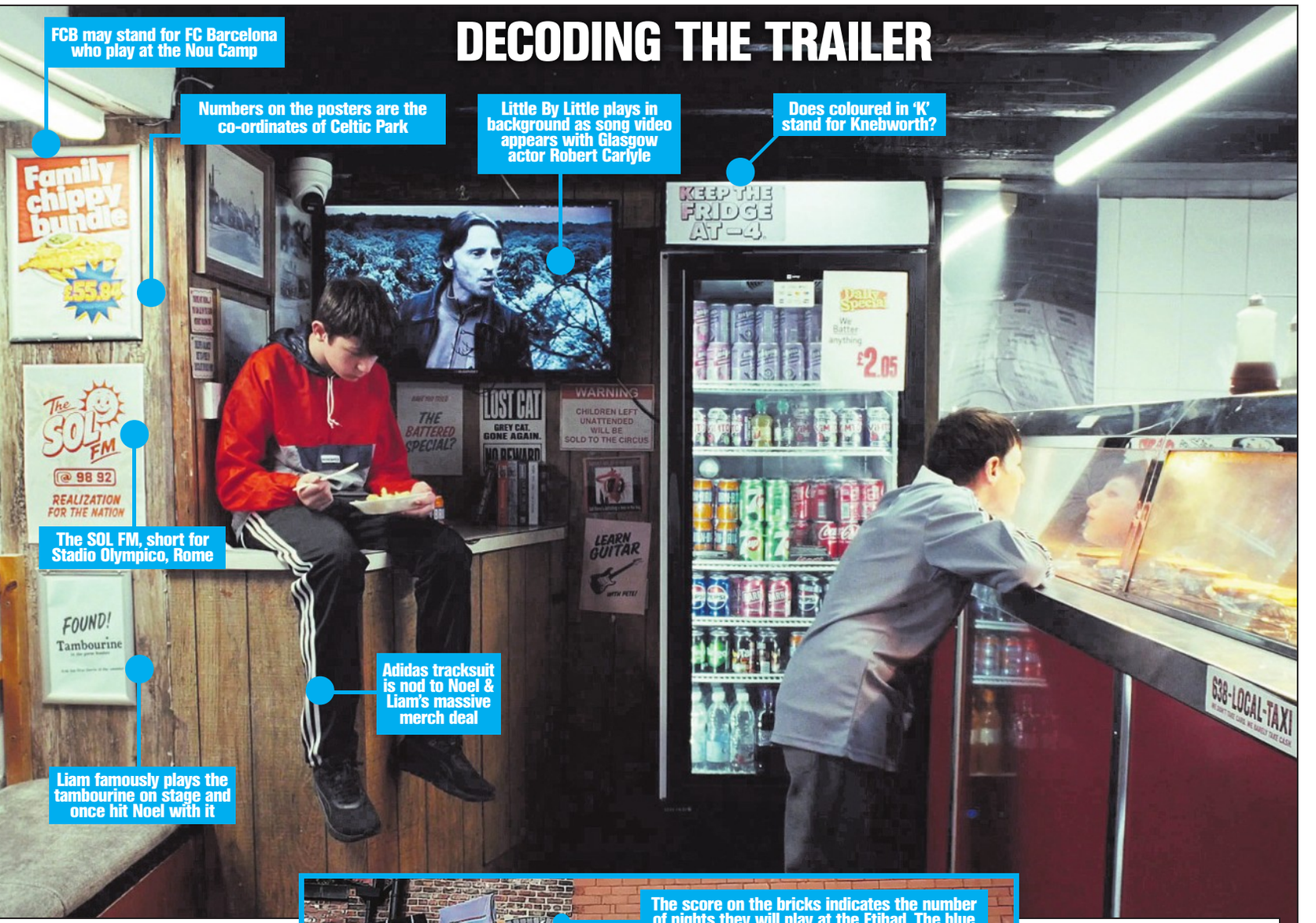
KNEBWORTH HOUSE, HERTS — September 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19.

Dates . . Stadio Olimpico, Rome

Italian job . . . Liam in Venice yesterday

DROP TEASER VID FOR TOUR

DECODING THE TRAILER



By **HOWELL DAVIES**
Associate Bizarre Editor

OASIS fans reckon they teased their massive 2027 tour dates with two videos full of clues — before a schedule was leaked to The Sun.

The clips released this week shows lads in a chippy and playing football in the streets.

Noel and Liam Gallagher will perform to three million fans across Europe next summer – with tickets on sale within weeks.

According to the leaked provisional touring schedule, which The Sun understands will be subject to only minor tweaks, the 2027 tour will launch with five nights at 80,000-capacity Celtic Park, Glasgow, from May 22 and end at Knebworth House in Hertfordshire, on September 19.

The tour will take in Manchester, Ireland, France, Germany and Italy.

The news comes ahead of Noel and Liam's first red-carpet event together in 19 years this evening when they attend the Venice Film Festival premiere of Don't Look Back In Anger, the documentary on their 2025 reunion tour.

The brothers arrived in the Italian city by speedboat yesterday.

The leaked gig list suggests Noel could be on stage in Glasgow for his 60th birthday, on May 29.

As revealed by The Sun in July, *inset right*, the band will then play at least ten nights at Manchester's Etihad Stadium throughout June.

They will be followed by concerts at Paris's Stade de France, Munich's Allianz Arena, Milan's San Siro and Rome's Stadio Olimpico in July.

The band will then play at Ireland's Slane Castle in early August, although the exact number of shows is yet to be agreed.

A note on the list insists the dates may "fluctuate" as some dates "indicate venue holds, not concerts".

Oasis will end with six nights at Hertfordshire's Knebworth House – at 125,000-capacity, Britain's largest single-stage music venue, and where their 1996 gigs were seen as the peak of the Britpop era.

Oasis started to tease the 2027 tour on Thursday with a 23-second trailer online. In it, two boys appear in a fish and chip shop, with a TV showing the video to their 2002 hit Little by Little, featuring actor Robert Carlyle.

Some fans believe the FCB initials from a "Family chippy bundle" poster hint at a gig in FC Barcelona's Nou Camp. Numbers on the same poster form the map co-ordinates of Celtic Park.

Others say the chippy's SOL FM flyer is a nod to Rome's Stadio Olympico. Yesterday, the band released a 13-second teaser, seemingly for the Etihad shows. It features a boy kicking a ball at a goal on a wall next to tally marks – possibly indicating how many gigs they will play there. A blue moon, the anthem of the Gallaghers' beloved Manchester City, is visible on brickwork. Oasis merchandise hangs on a washing line.

Noel hinted at major plans on talkSPORT's Drive on Wednesday.

Asked if Oasis would be touring, he said: "Let's put it this way; there's no football tournament on next year, so we've got to do something in the summer, right?"

The Sun understands the same line-up of musicians will return – including Paul "Bonehead" Arthurs, Andy Bell, Gem Archer, Joey Waronker and Christian Madden.

Ticketmaster is laying on extra staff ahead of ticket sales.

But dynamic pricing will not be used following a fan backlash over the 2025 gig tickets.

Oasis shut down talks to perform at next year's Glastonbury – as it clashes with the Etihad shows – and at Coachella festival, California, and Benicassim in Spain.

An insider said: "The offers have been pouring in for two years, but while the momentum is sky-high, they'd be crazy to do festivals.

"Their own gigs, with their own fans, is where they shine. They're raring to get back out there."

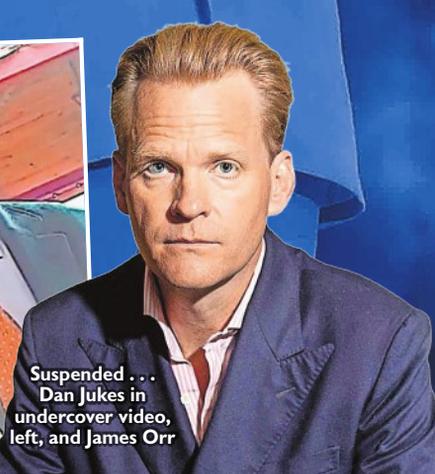
REFORM AT BRUM

NIGEL HITS BACK

Defiant . . . Nigel Farage on stage for his Reform party conference speech yesterday as a climate heckler is bundled away, left

Farage: Scandal just 'pub talk'

Sting was a set-up by Left, he says



Suspended . . . Dan Jukes in undercover video, left, and James Orr

By JACK ELSOM and TOM SCOTSON

NIGEL Farage yesterday declared his opponents were scared of his party as he brushed off a new dodgy donations scandal.

The Reform UK leader took to the stage for his party conference speech after losing two of his closest aides caught by an undercover sting.

The pair appeared to suggest workarounds to laws that ban parties taking foreign cash.

Senior adviser Dan Jukes and policy guru James Orr both stepped down on the first morning of the Birmingham rally pending an internal investigation.

Reform now also faces the possibility of probes by the Electoral Commission and the Metropolitan Police.

Speaking from the conference stage, Mr Farage said: "Ask yourself, why is all this happening? Because they are scared of us.

"And in my case, I've broken no laws, abused no public money."

Mr Farage dismissed the behaviour of his suspended colleagues as stupid "jack-the-ladery".

He sought to defuse the row with a barnstorming address to the party faithful portraying the Channel 4 report as the work of foreign-backed lefties.

The undercover sting was carried out by Verbatim, which was founded by journalists from the Centre for Climate Reporting.

Mr Farage said: "A foreign-funded group of hard-Left activists with a long history, indeed a group in the past strongly criticised by the US Congress for their methods, have for over a year and at huge financial cost targeted figures in Reform.

"Make no mistake, this was a prolonged exercise in entrapment.

"I want to be clear, the party has done nothing wrong, the party has taken no illegal money, the party has taken no money, that's important."

The Channel 4 documentary shows both Mr Jukes and Mr Orr engaging with an undercover reporter posing as the son of a wealthy American who wants to donate to Reform.

Because electoral law bans political donations from foreigners, they are seen suggesting that the would-be donor gives the cash to his Brit son, who in turn makes the transfer.

Mr Jukes is seen at a pub saying Reform has used this tactic with other international donors, which Mr Farage categorically denied.

He told The Sun: "I don't like it at all. I've worked with Dan very closely for many years, many, many years, and I described it as loose pub talk, and that's what it was, because what he said simply wasn't true.

"He got put into a position and he should never have said what he did. I believe the investigation will find he should never have said one or two of the things that he said."

Mr Jukes is Mr Farage's longest-serving adviser and crucial to his operation. He and Mr Orr both denied wrongdoing. The speech was relentlessly interrupted by climate hecklers who were bundled out of the hall by security.

Addressing one of the disruptors, Mr Farage said: "These are the benefits of a university education, folks. Tell us love, is it sociology, is it? Yeah, I bet it is."

Trying to wrestle back the agenda from a day dominated by the donations saga, the Reform boss said he was "absolutely determined" to carry on in the face of what he called a "highly co-ordinated campaign".

Predicting PM Andy Burnham will trigger a snap election, he said: "When that election comes we will be ready. And when that election comes we will fight to win, no question.

"But since May 8, and May 8 was the day the establishment woke up and thought 'oh dear', we have been the subject of a highly co-ordinated campaign of attacks. In a sense, it's not really surprising if you think about it.

"Two parties have dominated British politics for over 100 years and around them is a whole ecosystem of membership of the House of Lords, the issuance of government contracts, heads of quangos and so much else.

"A whole ecosystem around the century-old two-party system and we come along and threaten that.

"We will not be distracted by any of this. We are absolutely determined in what we're doing."

He added: "I said very clearly that I believed that financial circumstances would force Labour into a spring 2027 election.

"You know what? I stand by that. I believe there will be an election next spring.

"And I believe there must be a general election because Andy Burnham has no mandate. The messiah without a mandate."

He is promising a first 100-day policy blitz if elected and sent a warning to the House of Lords to agree his agenda.

He said: "But if they don't, well, we will present them with an idea.

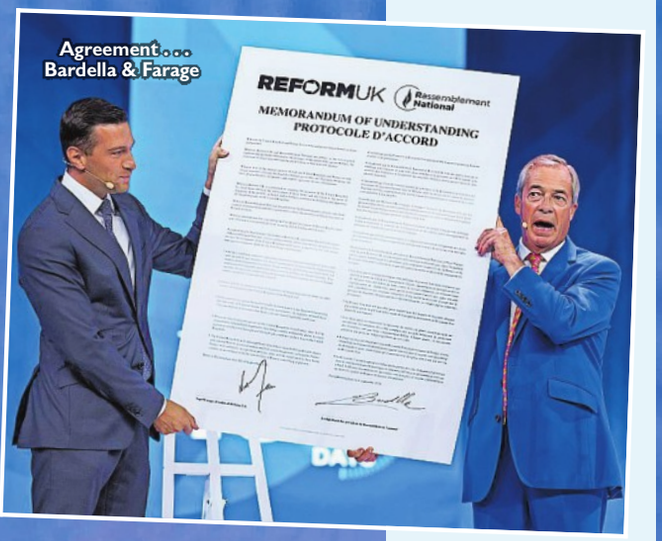
"It's not a new one, it has been used before. We'll appoint hundreds of new peers so that we have a majority in the House of Lords."

Mr Farage had hoped to use the

ON NEW DONATIONS CHAOS

The party has done nothing wrong, has taken no illegal money
— FARAGE ON ALLEGATIONS

Benefits of a university education... Tell us love, is it sociology?
— FARAGE TO HECKLER



Agreement . . . Bardella & Farage

'THEY'RE SCARED OF US'

conference to bounce back following a rough few months that has seen Reform dip in the polls.

Last month he won the Clacton by-election he triggered himself to defuse a row over an undeclared £5million gift.

He still faces the possibility of having to fight another one if the Standards Committee in Westminster sanctions him severely.

Mr Farage earlier paid tribute to the late Ann Widdecombe, beaten to death in her home in July.

Addressing the NEC in Birmingham, he spoke about the party's former justice spokeswoman and said: "Someone is missing. The irrepressible, unique, totally extraordinary Ann Widdecombe is missing."

Reflecting on her career, he described Ms Widdecombe as the "best-known female politician in Britain since Margaret Thatcher".

He added: "Ann Widdecombe didn't need all the hue and wisdom, didn't need notes.

"She took to the stage with the microphone, and she bashed out the message. She said things not to court short-term popularity. She said things that she believed truly and deeply in her heart."

Mr Farage described her as a "trusted, loyal colleague" and said she was great fun outside Westminster. He added: "She was somebody who was loved by millions but respected by many millions more."

A Labour spokesman said: "Reform UK have finally been forced into launching their own internal investigation against two of the three senior figures implicated in this report.

"But this scandal goes right to the top of Reform — Nigel Farage can't simply shrug this off. If his two most senior advisors are being investigated, why isn't he?"

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Tribute . . . to Ann Widdecombe

Pact with France to 'stop all the boats'

By TOM SCOTSON

REFORM has signed a pact to "stop the boats forever" with French prime ministerial front-runner Jordan Bardella.

Leader Nigel Farage and the National Rally president put their names to a giant memorandum of understanding on the conference centre stage.

Mr Farage welcomed the commitment to bring an end to illegal immigration.

He said: "We hope and believe our next two governments, where we reaffirm our commitment to stopping illegal immigration, where France say they'll do their utmost to stop all departures and maybe this time, with him as prime minister, they will actually mean it."

Mr Bardella called the pact the "beginning of the co-operation" — and agreed to let Britain intercept boats from France and send them back.

Reform previously promised to stop all illegal crossings within the first 100 days of winning an election.

Royal Navy ships would intercept boats on their way to Britain and implement Operation Fortress to stop the illegal migrants and fix Britain's borders.

More than £1billion of UK taxpayer cash has been paid to France to stop boats but more than 16,000 people have crossed the Channel this year, a 43 per cent fall on the same time last year.

Boats arriving in the past year have carried 68 on average, more than double the average boat capacity in 2021.

KID-KILL MISTRIAL

Jury fail to reach murder verdict on mum Clancy

Tragic . . . Clancy's kids

THE judge in the trial of a mum accused of killing her three kids has declared a mistrial.

A jury in the US was unable to reach a unanimous verdict on former midwife Lindsay Clancy yesterday. She was accused

Mistrial . . . Clancy

From SCARLET HOWES
US Editor in Massachusetts

of murdering her three children, who were all under six, in a case that has rocked America.

During the five-week trial, her lawyers have never denied that she strangled the children.

They argue that Clancy, 36, suffered from undiagnosed postpartum psychosis and should not be held criminally responsible for their deaths in 2023.

The jury at Plymouth superior court in Massachusetts said for a third time yesterday that it remained deadlocked after 36 hours of deliberations.

Their note to the judge read: "With a heavy heart, we report we are unable to come to a unanimous decision."

One juror is said to have not followed the law regarding reasonable doubt. Judge William Sullivan said: "I have no choice but to declare a mistrial."

A judge at the state's top court denied a last-minute bid by Clancy's lawyers to stop the mistrial decision. The prosecution must now decide whether it wants to retry the case.

President Donald Trump called the case a "horrible tragedy". He said: "I assume there's going to be another trial.

"She did a horrible, horrible thing. Can't be worse. But you'll find out what the price to pay is. There'll be a price. It's going to be a mental institution or jail or something . . . it's too bad."

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By ALEX WEST

BRAVE Nicki Vine chases a thief while wielding a baseball bat — and wearing nothing but a towel.

Nicki, 21, had just got out of the bath when her security camera detected movement outside her home.

She saw a thief in a helmet open the door of her dad's work van so ran outside despite not being dressed.

The startled thief legged it. Nicki, *right*, who lives with plasterer dad Darren in Poole, Dorset, said: "I got a little bit angry. That's our livelihood."

The police are investigating.

Smoke signals . . vape

Vaping duty 'will hike cost by £280'

By SAM BLANCHARD

THE cost of vaping will rise by about £280 a year when a new levy comes into force next month.

Vaping Products Duty will tax e-liquid at a flat rate of 22p per millilitre, plus 20 per cent VAT.

From October 1, the price of a typical 10ml bottle will rise by at least £2.64 – to more than £5.

Research suggests the average vaper's outlay will rise from about £790 a year to £1,070.

Guy Lawler, managing director of retailer Vapekit, said: "This tax will make the most effective way of quitting [smoking] far more expensive."

Almost half of vapers would consider buying cheaper black market stuff, research by OnePoll.com has found.

Officials estimate the tax will raise £600million annually by 2030/31.

BA pilots' pay split

BRITISH Airways pilots are bitterly divided after a close vote in favour of a controversial pay deal.

It scraped through because it keeps older pilots on generous rates.

But others claim the deal – which includes an incentive to carry less fuel – will make them £23,000 a year worse off.

The ballot, run by union Balpa, had an 83.6 per cent turnout. The offer was agreed by 52 per cent to 48 per cent.

One pilot warned: "BA has successfully divided the workforce. There will be trouble ahead."

BA and Balpa were asked for comment.

Food risk warning

THE country's food supply chain is at growing risk from cyber attacks, extreme weather and war, a watchdog warns.

A National Audit Office (NAO) report said the Government must prepare for "catastrophic events" that could leave supermarket shelves empty.

Shops were badly hit in 2022 when Russia's invasion of Ukraine caused shortages of olive oil, broccoli and tomatoes.

The NAO said plans by the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs to cope in the case of a total failure of food supply lack detail and have not been checked.

A GOLF IN CLASS

The Volkswagen Golf is Britain's favourite used car of the past decade, with the BMW X3 in second, a poll has found.

£701 TO BUY AN EMPTY PINE BOX!

Birthday girl's merchandise . . . Bey Keeper Collector's Box for albums and T-shirts with alligators

THEY'LL BE SNAPPING IT UP BEYONCE

Singer's pricy alligator merch

Tails you win . . . star grabs 'gator in photo from 2006 taken to promote album B'Day

By HOWELL DAVIES

BEYONCE grabs an alligator by the tail — as fans say "see you later" over a £701 empty box she's flogging as merch.

The never-before-seen picture was released alongside her remastered 2006 album B'Day yesterday, her 45th.

Along with the reissue was merchandise including the pricey box "designed to house and display your Beyonce vinyl collection".

It is made of pine, is 18ins wide, velvet lined, has a faux alligator-skin strap and is inspired by "traditional beekeeper crates".

A limited run of 500 are for sale and the extortionate price refers to her birthday as in the States it costs $948.01, which is her anniversary shown in the US way – 9/4/81.

Fans were not impressed. One wrote: "For that price I need you to pop out the box and perform." Another joked: "There better be tour tickets in that damn box."

Other Bey items launched with the box are a £57 T-shirt of her with two alligators on leads and the gator's tail T-shirt for £37.

The picture was taken at Vacherie, Louisiana, shortly before the initial release of B'Day 20 years ago on September 1.

Picture: PARKWOOD ENTERTAINMENT

NETFLIX RAISES PRICE BY THIRD

NETFLIX has put up its UK subscription prices for the second time this year, with its cheapest option jumping by a third.

By ED SOUTHGATE

The streaming platform's standard with-ads plan is now £7.99 a month – 33.4 per cent up on the old £5.99.

The advert-free option is up 7.7 per cent from £12.99 to £13.99 a month. The premium plan, which lets people stream on extra devices and add members, is up by 10.5 per cent, from £18.99 to £20.99.

Adding a member to a plan is up from £4.99 to £5.99 a month.

The prices apply to new customers. Existing subscribers will get a month's notice by email. The timing of changes depend on billing cycle. Stranger Things maker Netflix last put up its prices in February. It said the latest increases reflect improvements to its entertainment and "quality of our service".

Max Beckett, of Uswitch, said: "The good news is that if you pay Netflix directly, you're not locked in."

Netflix generated £33.4billion in revenues last year, 17 per cent up on 2024.

On the up . . streamer costs

Majority of stores. Online may vary. Prices matched against Sainsbury's, Tesco, Asda, GB Aldi and Lidl. Prices matched pro rata & checked on comparable products from GB Aldi stores and Lidl &/or online twice weekly. Asda, Tesco, Sainsbury's checked twice weekly and monthly in store. Prices checked 24/08/26. Morrisons non-promotional prices matched to Sainsbury's, Tesco, Asda, GB Aldi and Lidl non-promotional prices. Excludes Morrisons Daily and third parties. Verification: my.morrisons.com/unbeatables. Butter 250g, £7.40/kg. Bananas, 16p per banana. Salad Tomatoes, 17p per tomato. Back Bacon 300g, £4.97/kg. Toilet Rolls, 38p per roll. Washing Up Liquid 450ml, £1.25/litre.

FUNERAL

Crash victim . . PC Tom Clough

Also killed . . PC Matthew Blades

By PAUL SIMS and JOHN SIDDLE

A TOWN scarred by a deadly gang feud was plunged into lockdown yesterday as the first of five young men killed in the horror A66 smash was laid to rest.

Schools and GP surgeries shut early and roads were sealed off as hundreds of mourners gathered in Middlesbrough for the funeral of Jakub Matusiak, 23.

He was in the death crash car which killed two police officers as it was driven at speed the wrong way along the dual-carriageway.

The extraordinary precautions came amid fears that simmering tensions between rival groups could erupt again – two weeks after the catastrophic seven-death tragedy.

Matusiak, Cole Worthy, 17, Theo Rae, 17, Makai Saddington, 18, and Michael Cahill, 23, died instantly when their VW Passat was driven the wrong way along the A66 on August 22.

The men had taken to the streets hell-bent on revenge after three homes were ram-raided by rivals in a Volvo XC60.

The Passat smashed head-on into a marked police car, killing PC Matthew Blades, 37, and PC Tom Clough, 38, and sparking days of fear and fury across Teesside.

Against that tinderbox backdrop, crowds poured into the South Bank area of the town yesterday amid a huge police presence.

Mourners lined the streets wearing black and orange – Matusiak's favourite colour – as his oak coffin, inscribed with the word 'son', arrived in a white, horse-drawn hearse.

The procession was followed by a £200,000 Rolls-Royce Cullinan and two Lamborghini Urus supercars.

A song by the London rapper Fredo blared out.

The coffin was carried into the church by six pall bearers, some wearing baseball caps.

Some TV crews were told to pack up their cameras, while anyone who resembled a journalist was also told to leave the area.

Balaclava-clad men, and a few on bikes, were seen on nearby streets after the congregation went inside the church – as a Cleveland Police convoy of vans, bikes and response cars kept a respectful distance.

The farewell was under intense police security after previous vigils descended into disorder.

One, for Cahill, saw stolen cars set alight in a field.

Headteachers at six schools took the unprecedented decision to shut early, while a local library and two doctors' surgeries closed up.

South Bank primary said it would be closing at noon "to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our pupils".

Normanby Medical Centre cancelled appointments for the same reasons in the interests of its staff and patients.

Matusiak's funeral is the first to take place, with the two officers being laid to rest next week.

Shadow Education Secretary Laura Trott said: "There is now a very real risk that Middlesbrough is a town being overrun by organised crime." She added: "Children should not be kept out of school because of the behaviour of thugs on the streets."

The deadly chain of events began in the early hours of August 22 when a home belonging to Worthy's dad Gye, 38, was rammed. Moments later, the Volvo shunted a silver Audi parked on the driveway of Rae's home into the front of the three-storey house.

The smashed convertible, owned by Rae's mum Hollie Marie, was pulled from the property as cops flooded the area amid fears of reprisals.

By then, Rae and Worthy had joined up with the others and were searching for the culprits.

But moments later they were spotted by police, who gave chase.

The pursuit through the streets of Middlesbrough lasted for seven minutes before the gang's car was driven on to the A66 at 3.39am on the wrong side of the road.

Chasing police officers abandoned their pursuit immediately. But ten seconds later, the Passat slammed into another police car – killing married dad-of-two PC Blades and Iraq war veteran PC Clough.

The funerals of the other four will be held in the coming days amid simmering tensions.

So far, 27 suspects have been arrested as part of a major crackdown on organised crime in the area.

A taskforce of 200 specialist cops from six northern forces was deployed to restore order after a surge in tit-for-tat mob attacks.

Education Secretary Lucy Powell defended the school closure decision, calling it "a very, very difficult and delicate situation".

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SCHOOLS AND DOC SURGERIES ARE SHUT

FEAR OF VIOLENCE AMONGST CROWDS

Tragedy . . our report

OF A66 CRASH JOYRIDER

A town locked down by the gangs

Send-off . . . hearse at yesterday's funeral for Matusiak, left

Packed farewell . . . streets were crowded with onlookers as the funeral procession went by

Tensions . . . some men wore balaclavas or hid their faces from cameras outside the church

THE Sun SAYS

Falk in the road

OUR new Foreign Secretary Ed Miliband has insisted he is "unwavering" about keeping the Falklands British.

Such a statement from a strong, principled Government backed by a powerful military should leave the Argies thinking twice about ever trying again to take what they call "Las Malvinas".

Instead, Argentinian president Javier Milei smells weakness and decline. Like our enemies in Russia and China, he knows Britain's Armed Forces have been hollowed out for years and most of our warships and subs are broken.

Milei will also have read depressing reports that the funding crisis is so bad that Army exercises have been scrapped.

Most of all, Milei knows Labour's utter failure to ramp up defence spending has caused a bitter rift with our closest ally.

Donald Trump now publicly questions why he should back Britain over the Falklands when Keir Starmer refused to offer any help over the war on Iran.

The US – increasingly close to Argentina over oil – now sees the UK as an unreliable military partner.

For now, the only reason Argentina has confined itself to sabre-rattling is that its army is so small it probably wouldn't be able to overwhelm British forces already stationed on the Falklands.

But that is no reason for complacency.

Or the time for weasel words from treacherous Foreign Office mandarins like former Permanent Secretary Lord McDonald, who suggested to the BBC yesterday the islands were too far away, too costly and too strategically unimportant to be worth the £500million-a-year cost of defending them.

No doubt Miliband is receiving similar advice from the Whitehall appeasers who persuaded Andy Burnham and Starmer to give away the Chagos Islands.

But the fact that craven politicians have left Britain with virtually no chance today of sending a Falklands task force of the size sent by Margaret Thatcher in 1982 is **NOT** a reason for more capitulation.

Milei's rant should be yet another urgent warning to Labour to arm our military properly and protect ALL British citizens at home and abroad.

Not so slick

AS WITH so much from our new Prime Minister, the promise fails to meet the reality.

On the face of it, there is good news that he will finally approve drilling in the Jackdaw North Sea gas field – a sensible decision that Labour should have taken two years ago.

But in hock to the Net Zero loons, Burnham is still likely to block the Rosebank development because that contains mainly oil.

Norway has sunk 45 North Sea wells while Labour has delayed.

Britain needs **BOTH** to be operational as soon as possible **AND** to start exploration of new reserves.

Anything less will leave our energy security in as much of a mess as ever.

ED MILIBAND has been very tight-lipped about Chagos since taking over at the Foreign Office.

But that's unlikely to survive the first big contact between the new government and Donald Trump later this month at the United Nations in New York.

The botched plan to pay Mauritius to take over our overseas territory in the Indian Ocean was dead in the water after the Americans scotched it over fears they would lose access to a vital airbase.

But now fresh efforts by the Foreign Office to resurrect the surrender deal have left Washington baffled.

Not least because at a time when Britain is in uproar over threats to the Falkland Islands – even while asking the Americans to slap down new Argie sabre-rattling – our government seems so willing to give up other territory willy nilly.

My mole says things are set to come to a head again when the new PM heads Stateside in a few weeks' time.

Get a grip, Nige, or it's party over

NIGEL Farage came pretty close to throwing in the towel this summer.

Seething about his family getting dragged into politics and shaken by threats and a torrent of abuse, he mooted packing it all in and going fishing.

The brutal murder of his colleague Ann Widdecombe could have rightly broken even the bravest of leaders, and it almost did after what I understand were tense talks with those closest to him.

Friends talk darkly about chilling information soon to enter the public domain that will shock even the Reform leader's most ardent haters.

A chink of light at his inner thoughts was clear in some interviews where he couldn't quite bring himself to say he actually wanted to be the PM.

But whether it was his sense of duty or ambition – or frankly just a love of the game – he hit the stump in Clacton instead and vowed to keep buggering on.

Moonshot chance

This weekend's party conference was supposed to be the reset moment, where after the Starmer-destroying highs of 2025, Reform could put a summer of squabbles and wobbles behind them and actually focus on the policy.

In nearly 20 years of covering the man, Birmingham's jamboree was on course to be the most professional gathering of his true believers that I had ever seen.

Corporate Britain was out in force, as were the big global firms, noses pressed against the glass, desperate to read the runes of a Reform government.

What would have been considered crackers just 18 months ago remains a moonshot chance: Nigel Farage, PM.

Though with exhibitors and power suits aplenty, like so many Farage-adjacent events there was still always a sense of the absurd.

Anyone lucky enough to remember the manic days of Ukip knows that more often or not, their events descended into carnivals of chaos.

So despite the veneer of professionalism, slick carpet and shiny signs, there remained a whiff of carnage – an unshakeable feeling things could go t*ts up at any moment.

There are more pyrotechnics on the stage these days, but it was always the fireworks elsewhere that caused the real scenes.

And so it came to pass.

Once chastised by chin-stroking pundits for being too loyal to allies he should have cut loose, the axe swung at two in the morning.

After initially branding Channel 4's Thursday night exposé a "hoax", it became clear in the small hours that the damage could be mortal after a long summer of sleaze stories.

Long-term aide and part-time honorary son Dan Jukes was jettisoned after walking straight into a trap sprung by climate change activists posing as deep-pocketed foreign donors looking to bend the donation rules.

One too many negronis seems to have put paid to the political career of policy chief James Orr, who was seen slurring his way out of a job by promising a fake millionaire the world.

Now Reform can rage about it all being a globalist plot, and a co-ordinated deep-state stitch-up, a sophisticated attempt to bury them by their terrified establishment enemies. And they probably have a point to some degree – the gloves are certainly off. But they should know by now that this torrent was coming, and in asking to not just lead the country, but blow up half a century of political consensus, that it was part of the package.

They have been warned enough times by supporters and critical friends that the scrutiny was coming, whether it feels fair or not when the heat is on.

Though you might not know it from the airwaves, there was some serious meat from Reform yesterday. A potential referendum on the House of Lords, ripping up how the judiciary is appointed and remarkable accord with the man likely to be France's next PM that would see the French finally accept the return of small boat crossers.

But yet again all blown out of the water by entirely avoidable scandal.

Dire headlines

This latest saga must be a reckoning for Reform – get a grip or give over to their claim to be the dominant force on the Right.

Despite the love in the hall, Farage felt the need to spell out to his adoring fans: "I am determined to lead Reform at the next election."

And his problem is he may well get that wish sooner rather than later.

The odds of an early General Election have shortened dramatically in the last 48 hours.

With Reform beset by fresh chaos, a new wave of investigations and another bout of dire headlines about money, Andy Burnham may soon be laughing all the way to the Palace.

After Keir Starmer's steaming leaving present on No10's doorstep, if Labour can see off Wacko Zacko Polanski in the upcoming Holborn and St Pancras by-election, the case to go to the country will become irresistible.

The Left semi united, the Right deeply riven with a visceral loathing and mutual suspicion.

Worst-case scenario for Burnham, dopey Ed Davey has made clear with his slobbering all over the new PM that he's open to doing business.

And that really would be a disaster for a country in desperate need of actual reform.

HARRY COLE SAVES THE WEST
Watch his show on YouTube

Search . . . cop divers

Police ID man who died after canal flee

By ED SOUTHGATE

A MAN who died after jumping into a canal as he ran away from police at the Notting Hill Carnival has been identified.

Karnell Kelly, 25, fled when officers tried to stop him as he approached the event.

He jumped into the Grand Union canal in West London at about 3.20pm on Monday and was pulled out by cops and bystanders. He was pronounced dead in hospital later that afternoon.

The police watchdog is investigating because he died "following an interaction" with cops and is reviewing body-worn video from officers who chased Mr Kelly.

The Independent Office for Police Conduct added that an officer was hurt as divers searched the canal for information about the incident.

Police made 636 arrests at the carnival. Around two million attended.

Health fear . . mobiles

'Children happier if phone delayed'

By SAM BLANCHARD

BANNING phones until age 14 could make pupils happier, a study found.

If a fifth of parents did so, there would be 13,000 fewer kids with recorded mental health needs, and 22,000 fewer child psychiatric disability claims.

Gregory Veramendi, of Royal Holloway, University of London, believes the move could save £200million a year.

He looked at 12,000 primary schools and said: "This is the first causal evidence that co-ordinated delay of phones improves children's mental health.

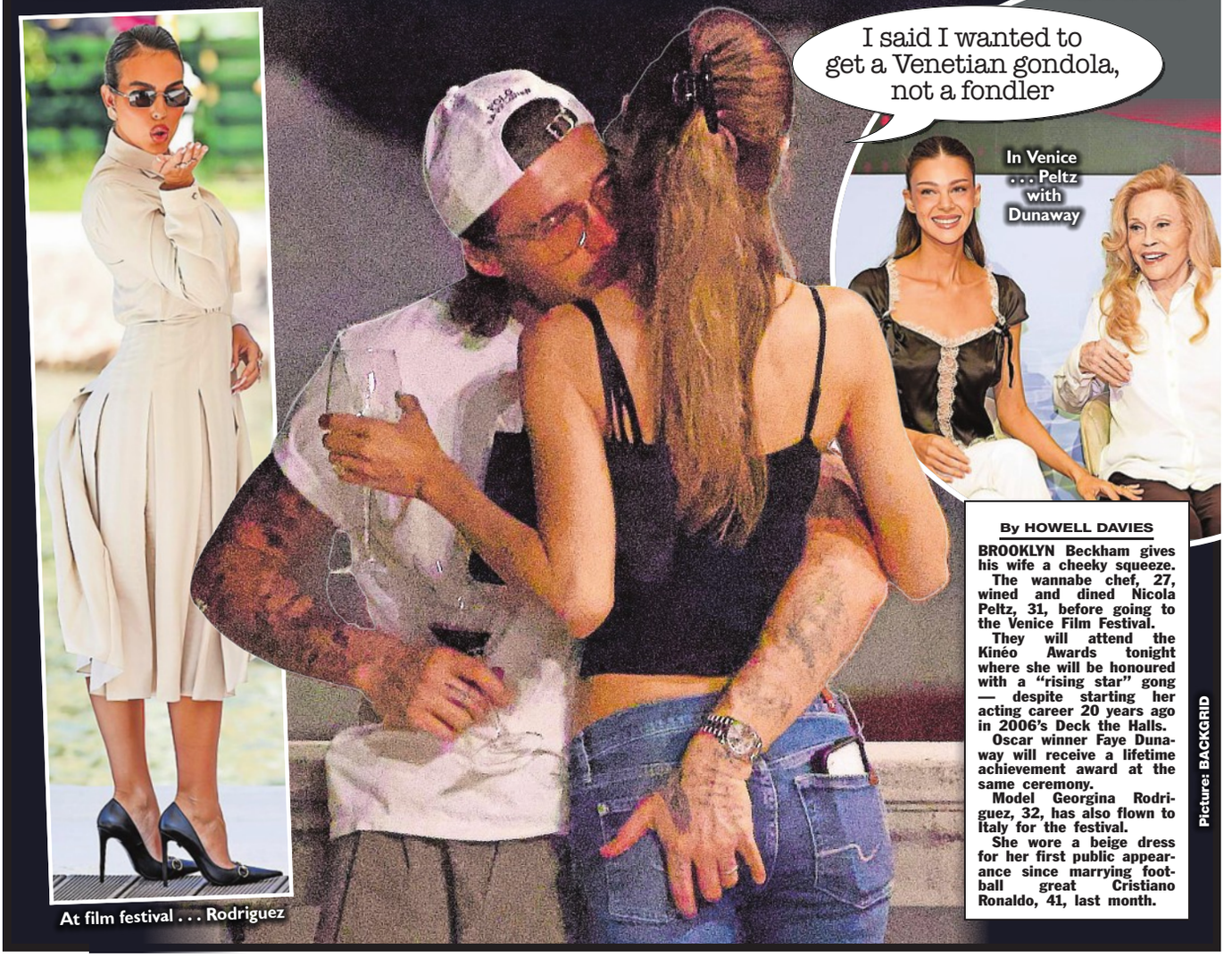
"When a large fraction of parents delay, you see a large drop in new kids that have these additional needs. So it does seem that it's avoiding some kind of harm.

"I also see among my students a kind of isolation, and the difficulty in just asking questions.

"Clearly something's changing in how young people are developing."

BECK ON THE CHEEK

At film festival . . . Rodriguez



In Venice . . . Peltz with Dunaway

By HOWELL DAVIES

BROOKLYN Beckham gives his wife a cheeky squeeze.

The wannabe chef, 27, wined and dined Nicola Peltz, 31, before going to the Venice Film Festival.

They will attend the Kinéo Awards tonight where she will be honoured with a "rising star" gong — despite starting her acting career 20 years ago in 2006's Deck the Halls.

Oscar winner Faye Dunaway will receive a lifetime achievement award at the same ceremony.

Model Georgina Rodriguez, 32, has also flown to Italy for the festival.

She wore a beige dress for her first public appearance since marrying football great Cristiano Ronaldo, 41, last month.

Picture: BACKGRID

WOMEN DON'T MIND 'DAD BOD'

SHORT & PODGY? YOU'VE PULLED!

Waist not want not . . . tum

WOMEN are more likely to plump for a bloke with a dad bod than demand a toned Adonis — and being short is fine too.

The great news for podgy chaps is from a study that found women's physical standards are lower than expected.

Researchers found 35 per cent of women would date a man whose physique is rated as below average. While 23 per cent said they only fancy someone with a good body.

The other 42 per cent are somewhere in the middle.

Only five per cent of women need a lover to be at least 6ft tall, while 85 per cent would date a man of under 5ft 10in.

The Sun's resident sexpert Georgie Culley said: "These stats don't come as a surprise to me. Generally, men who aren't gym-honed or over 6ft have better personalities and are better in bed.

"They can't just rely on good looks, so they've had to work on being funny and laughing a woman into the sack instead.

"A six-pack is overrated. We don't want a guy who spends longer looking in the mirror than us.

"There's nothing unsexier than a man with his top off on a dating app showing off his muscles.

"I don't know one woman who finds that a turn on. Give us a beer belly and a guy who enjoys his grub over that any day."

The surveys of 1,100 people by the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim also found half of men and 35 per cent of women need a partner with an above-average face.

Study author Dr Marius Stavang said in the Evolution and Human Behavior journal: "Women's standards for physical attractiveness did not appear excessive, sometimes falling below the expected population average."

EXCLUSIVE
by SAM BLANCHARD

Knifeman . . . Mumin

Machete thug after 'revenge in blood'

By MIKE SULLIVAN

A MACHETE-wielding thug chased a man in the street telling him he wanted to drink his blood, a court heard.

Somali Yonis Mumin, 25, demanded £5,000 from Haitham Agabra in March, claiming one of his relatives had stabbed him on Valentine's Day.

He then threatened to send 100 Somalis to "shoot up" Mr Agabra's home if he did not pay.

In May, Mumin jumped out of a car wearing a balaclava and chased Mr Agabra with an 18in machete in Marylebone, central London.

He warned his victim: "Your relative took my blood. I want your blood. I will drink your blood."

Mumin, of Shepherd's Bush, West London, had admitted blackmail, possession of a knife and making threats at Isleworth crown court.

Yesterday, he was jailed for 22 months and given a restraining order.

Show . . Glenn & Chris

Squeeze axe gig after bus tragedy

By STEPHEN MOYES

ROCK band Squeeze cancelled a concert after a worker was crushed to death while working under their tour bus.

The group, known for hits such as Cool for Cats and Labelled With Love, called off Thursday's US gig after the tragedy.

The victim, who worked at the venue, died of injuries after a support failed and the vehicle collapsed on to them at Wolf Trap National Park, near Vienna in Virginia.

Squeeze, fronted by Glenn Tilbrook and Chris Difford who founded the group in the '70s, are on tour with '80s stars Adam Ant and Haircut 100.

The band said: "Squeeze are deeply saddened and shocked by an incident at the venue, which resulted in the loss of a life.

"Our thoughts are with everyone affected by this tragic event."

Their next gigs are in Illinois and Colorado.

ON THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF

TRIBUTE . . . Sun front page

FUND-RACERS . . . Nicola, Cheryl and Nadine at 2022 charity run

She was an inspiration. Everyone could do with being a bit more Sarah

Says her ex BRIAN McCASLIN

EXCLUSIVE by LAURA ARMSTRONG and BEN GRIFFITHS

HER death from breast cancer aged 39 shocked fans five years ago today — and for Girls Aloud singer Sarah Harding's last boyfriend, the feeling is very much still raw.

Grieving Brian McCaslin, who used to go by the name Chad Johnson, still watches videos of her, dreams of them lying side by side at a pool and wishes they'd had a child together.

In an exclusive interview to mark the fifth anniversary of Sarah's death, the 39-year-old American reality star tells how he "couldn't be prouder" of her legacy for raising awareness about the disease she had.

It was her dying wish that more women get checked for breast cancer – and she inspired a powerful movement that has helped millions.

Brian, who met Sarah on Celebrity Big Brother in 2017, said: "She was the most beautiful, kind-hearted woman. It's only five years on I truly appreciate who she was and the impact she's had.

"I was smiling the other day when I saw a video of her. Hearing her voice and seeing her face again reminded me how remarkable she was. She once told me how she really wanted to be a mum and I'd have loved to have had a child with her.

"But although I am so sad that she is no longer here for me to tell her how much I appreciated her, I am also so proud of her and the incredible legacy she has left when it comes to helping others by raising awareness of breast cancer.

'She's a hero'

"If I could make a fraction of the positive impact Sarah had in life and death in helping people, I'd be happy.

"She is an inspiration. Everyone could do with being a bit more Sarah."

In our chat, Brian also remembers how Sarah would spend hours playing him old Girls Aloud songs, how she never really told him of the extent of her illness and how he regrets not coming to England to see her before her death.

As one fifth of pop act Girls Aloud, Sarah racked up four No1 UK singles including Sound Of The Underground and The Promise.

But perhaps her greatest legacy was the movement her death inspired in leading other women to get checked.

During the Covid pandemic in 2020, Sarah found a lump in her breast which she dismissed as a cyst and failed to see a doctor.

When she eventually did see a doctor, she discovered the lump was cancerous and it was terminal.

Shortly after her death on September 5, 2021, her mum Marie shared her daughter's final message: "Don't let what happened to me happen to you."

The news of her death – and campaigns such as The Sun's Get Checked drive – saw breast cancer charity CoppaFeel! receive an 800 per cent spike in visitors to its website.

The Sarah Harding Breast Cancer Appeal – supported by Sarah's family, friends and Girls Aloud bandmates Cheryl Tweedy, Nadine Coyle, Kimberley Walsh and Nicola Roberts – was launched to fund a study to help younger people identify cancer earlier.

Sarah said: "Although this research may not be in time to help me, it is incredibly close to my heart as it may help women like me."

In 2022, her bandmates organised a special 5k charity run with Cancer Research – the Race For Life For Sarah – and a star-studded Primrose Ball to raise funds. They also donated all the profits from a special vinyl edition of their single Sound Of The Underground to the cause, which to date has raised more than £1.2million.

Their fund-raising efforts led to the launch in 2023 of a pioneering research project – the BCAN-RAY study – looking at predicting the risk of breast cancer in young women.

Brian, who appeared in US reality show The Bachelorette, lives in Oklahoma and has now launched his own supplements business, added: "The movement that she inspired after her death was incredible. She's a hero."

Brian also recalled how he met Sarah on CBB, which the singer won.

He said: "My management had mentioned to me that I would like this British girl, a singer called Sarah. I had no idea what I was going into. When I met her, I was immediately drawn to her. She had a beautiful aura.

"She was beautiful and someone you really wanted to be around. We were both dealing with a lot of things at the time and we helped each other through."

In the weeks after the show finished, the pair grew even closer and spent days at her home in Buckinghamshire. He said: "We had a real bond. She had such an infectious personality. She was wonderful to be around. She used to make me this most amazing egg dish, which I loved. We'd order Chinese food in and drink wine.

"Sometimes we wouldn't leave the house for days. We were just comfortable in each other's company.

"We would chat about stuff and play music. She would play me her songs from this band called Girls Aloud, who I had no idea about before. I don't think I really appreciated her for the talented person she was at the time.

"You could tell how proud she was of her career, but at the same time you could tell that life in a girl band had taken its toll on her. She was relishing the peace and quiet her home in the country gave her."

But Sarah still maintained some of her party-loving personality.

Brian said: "She had a room with a DJ-like booth and she'd DJ for hours and often play those songs.

"It felt like there weren't many chairs in Sarah's house. It was like it was just the bed and areas to dance.

"Maybe that is just how I'm remembering it because it felt like if she wasn't sleeping, she was dancing or being active.

'Proud and sad'

"She made you feel really at home. I remember I could be in the bathroom and she would be in another room and I'd feel like I was still with her.

"One time she talked to me about how she wanted to be a mum. It is

GIRLS ALOUD STAR'S DEATH

'She was the most beautiful, kind-hearted woman. If I could make a fraction of the impact she had in life and death in helping people, I'd be happy'

SHINING . . . Sarah in a fashion shoot in 2013

Picture by DAN KENNEDY, Camera Press

BEDFELLOWS . . . Sarah and Brian get close on CBB

WINNER . . . Sarah, pictured with Brian, when she won Celebrity Big Brother in 2017

The girls at V Festival in Chelmsford, Essex, in 2008

so sad that she couldn't fulfil that wish. On reflection, I would have loved to have been the father of her child. She was special."

When Brian moved back to the US the pair kept up their relationship but after a year or so, they separated as the distance proved too much.

He said: "It was a shame, but the distance was too great. We stayed on good terms – but thinking about how I was Sarah's last boyfriend makes me equally proud and sad at the same time."

Brian said that Sarah kept the severity of her illness from him but, in hindsight, he realises that a request for him to visit her in England may have been because she wanted to see him one last time.

He said: "I remember she messaged me asking if I wanted to come and do some work with her in the UK. It seemed quite formal.

"I had no idea at the time that the invitation could have been her way of wanting to see me because she was ill. I just can't tell.

"I regret not going to see her now because I miss her."

On hearing about her death, he added: "At the time, I couldn't process it. I couldn't believe that this beautiful, talented, loud girl I'd known so well had died.

"I was thinking about her the other day and was hit by this wave of sadness and feeling of missing her.

"I watched a few of her old videos and it made me smile, made me remember the person she was.

"I have a dream that one day I'll own a beautiful home on the beach in Florida with an infinity pool. I can imagine her being there with me. I'll think about her if that ever happens."

But the thing that makes him most proud is her legacy.

He said: "As someone whose mum had breast cancer, I know how important it is to raise awareness of this awful disease and its symptoms.

"Just reading about the impact Sarah had on millions of people after her death makes me swell with pride. It is truly incredible.

"I hope she is always remembered as the wonderful, kind, beautiful girl I knew. I feel so proud to have known her."

● The Sarah Harding Breast Cancer Appeal was set up with help from The Christie Charity. To find out more or to donate, go to christie.nhs.uk/the-christie-charity/donate.

GIO: WE NEED TO TALK

I'M A CELEBRITY winner Giovanna Fletcher feels so strongly about breast cancer awareness she's given a talk at her sons' school.

Giovanna, 41, who has three boys – Buzz, Buddy and Max – with McFly's Tom Fletcher, has campaigned for breast cancer charity CoppaFeel! since 2014 and is leading a fundraising trek to China, setting off today.

In spite of the strides that have been made in raising awareness, she insists more still needs to be done.

FOCUS . . . Giovanna

Giovanna said: "It's important to raise awareness among young people so everyone just knows to check as part of their routine.

"My kids know all about it. I did a year-nine assembly at their school, talking about it in an age- appropriate way.

"We can't hide these things from them. The more we hide them, the scarier and scarier the word 'cancer' becomes."

She will lead the trek along the Great Wall of China – called CoppaTrek! With Gi – to raise funds and awareness for breast cancer charity, CoppaFeel!.

To donate, visit coppatrek-great-wall-of-china.coppafeel.org.

GATWICK SHUT BY JET SCARE

Fault find on runway

EXCLUSIVE by STEPHEN MOYES

FLIGHTS at Gatwick were grounded yesterday after a jet suffered a technical fault at 138mph seconds before take-off.

The aborted departure of a passenger flight to New York closed the runway for almost an hour.

Fire engines and emergency crews raced to the scene after the issue with nose wheels on a Norse Atlantic Airways Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner that can take up to 338 travellers.

Grounded . . . Gatwick flights

Alice Kavanagh, 30, who was on the stricken flight, said: "We were starting to speed up for take-off and, all of a sudden, the pilot slammed the brakes on. They said they'd spotted a technical fault.

"It's lucky the pilot noticed it. God knows what would've happened if we'd taken off."

The runway was shut just after 1pm for safety checks and a clean-up.

Thousands of passengers faced disruption as around 20 flights were diverted to other airports, causing hours of delays.

Gatwick – the UK's second biggest airport – has two runways but they are too close to be used together. An airport spokesman confirmed the jet had to be "towed away" and said the runway had reopened "after a full safety inspection".

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Dianne Buswell on her Strictly return after baby Bowie

IN tomorrow's Fabulous magazine Strictly star Dianne Buswell reveals all about life and her return to work since the arrival of baby Bowden – known as Bowie.

She tells us what she really thinks about changes to the show this year with a new trio of hosts and five fresh dancers gracing the ballroom floor.

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'Bad trip' . . Ibe

Ex Prem ace free after trial for attack

By BENEDICT ELLIOT

FORMER Premier League ace Jordon Ibe has avoided jail after attacking his ex-girlfriend while on "a bad trip from drugs".

The footballer, 30, left Amie Mayson with a bald patch after violently pulling her hair out.

Ex-Liverpool winger Ibe, who made 119 Prem appearances, had been arguing with Ms Mayson over money at her home in Lambeth, South London, last December.

When she demanded he repay her, Ibe yelled: "No I'm going to be a p***k."

The ex-£15million ace then attacked Ms Mayson in front of her daughter, 16, leaving her "hair hanging off her head".

Ibe, of Bromley, South East London, admitted assault. Croydon JPs yesterday ordered him to pay £764 in costs and a surcharge and gave him a 12-month community order, with 80 hours of unpaid work.

Attacks . . . Shepherd

Delay for Thames killer over ABH fate

By NICK PARKER

SPEEDBOAT killer Jack Shepherd's sentencing for attacking a girlfriend while on licence from jail was delayed yesterday.

Shepherd, 39, previously admitted twice assaulting Shabnam Bahadur, in her 50s, including hitting her with hot barbecue tongs.

He also punched her at the flat they shared in Southall, West London, after he was released.

Shepherd was due to learn his fate yesterday but the hearing at Isleworth crown court was moved to September 14 as his defence counsel was unavailable.

Shepherd crashed a speedboat in 2015 during a Thames joyride, killing date Charlotte Brown, 24.

He got six years for manslaughter and was freed in January 2024.

But he was recalled to prison last September for breaching his licence.

Shepherd appeared via videolink yesterday from HMP Swaleside, Kent.

DI'S CAST AS STYLE ICON

Pictures: GETTY

PRINCESS Diana has been hailed the most fashionable female of all time in a poll.

She ranked top with a third of people — ahead of Marilyn Monroe, Audrey Hepburn, Princess of Wales Kate and Beyoncé.

Cotton Traders, which polled 2,000 people, said of Di: "She managed to steal the show wherever she went." David Beckham was top male beating Elvis Presley, David Bowie, Sean Connery and Freddie Mercury.

The little black dress was No1 fashion item, pipping jeans and the miniskirt.

By MATT WILKINSON

ROYAL EXCLUSIVE

Meghan shuns the limelight

DUCHESS FOCUS ON KIDS

By MATT WILKINSON, Royal Editor

THE Duchess of Sussex aims to shun the limelight as she settles her family in Britain.

Meghan wants to ensure her son Archie, seven, and daughter Lilibet, five, are fully adjusted in their new home and schools.

She has not been spotted this side of the Atlantic since Queen Elizabeth II's funeral four years ago – and has avoided the cameras since returning in July.

Meghan was due to appear with husband Prince Harry at two events but pulled out of both.

However, she did post photos showing the family had visited Princess Diana's family estate of Althorp, Northants, and travelled to the Scottish Highlands.

The Sun understands it could be weeks before she makes any public appearance. A source said: "There are a lot of things to arrange. Meghan is totally focused on getting the kids settled for now."

Meanwhile, Harry is set to mark his return with a string of engagements. He is expected to appear at this month's annual WellChild Awards. And there are reports he will carry out a skydive for military charities after making a promise to veteran Ed Marshall, 102, during a visit in Toronto, Canada, last November.

UK move . . . Harry and wife Meghan

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Dominic Mohan

GUEST COLUMNIST

Alex is fighting a turf war with Burnham's Green Belt bandits. We should all worry

MOP-HEADED, mascarpone-munching musical man Alex James's boxers are in a twist after them next door submitted proposals for a shed which, he says, would obscure pretty views from his 200-acre Cotswolds farm.

Blur's bouncy bass banger has gone into battle with luxury holiday chalet park Bluewood Lodges after they began earthworks in a field adjoining his Gloucestershire estate.

Now then, maybe you don't have much sympathy for the taut-trousered city dweller turned successful fella living in a house, a very big house in the country.

But, believe me, you should.

His home lies in one of our country's consecrated Areas Of Outstanding Natural Beauty and that is certainly not something to be sniffed at.

This minor insight into ugly land creep and escalating disrespect of rurality is illustrative of a wider and more sinister trend across England's green and pleasant land, a government-sanctioned recklessness towards our countryside.

First a shed. Then a few houses. Then an estate in the middle of nowheresville, as some faceless bureaucrat named Malcolm who lives in a suburban new-build with his mum signs off some new sprawling monstrosity.

Green belt land covers about 12.5 per cent of England, roughly 1.63million hectares, while there are 46 AONBs – 33 in England, four in Wales, one on the English/Welsh border, and eight in Northern Ireland, covering roughly 18 per cent of our dazzling isles.

But beware of Burnham's bulldozers and Rayner's razers because such designated areas are being officially disregarded. The sticks are starting to shrink as swiftly as a tiddler in an ice bath.

Here are a few recent headlines I stumbled upon over the past few weeks:

■ Developer takes first step of scheme to build green belt homes in Handsworth in face of controversy.

■ Building on Bradford-on-Avon green belt "could set precedent".

■ Stoke-on-Trent residents vow to fight green belt plans to build 3,000 homes.

■ Residents brand plans to build 2,200 homes on South London green belt "evil".

■ Rotherham green belt homes would breach council's policy, application admits.

You get the gist.

Undulating hillsides, our sacred rivers and pastoral animal habitats are holy sites to be protected at any cost, preserving landscapes captured in British art, literature and music over centuries by Constable, Turner, George Orwell and William Blake, through to Van Morrison, Pink Floyd and The Wurzels.

The Wurzels hail from the lush West Country where, this week, Bath & North East Somerset council announced that Burnham's building bonanza means 27,234 new homes must be built over 20 years – double the target set just two years ago.

BATTLE . . . Alex

Baulk at idea

Homes, of course, never exist in isolation. Those inhabiting them require doctor's surgeries, the odd school, meeting places with £5 buckets of coffee, and a bus route or two.

And, to avoid bankruptcy, many skint councils are now being forced to sell off their own farm land to developers, whose ill-conceived projects will inevitably be fast-tracked through.

I stumbled upon an inviting chocolate box house for sale in Wurzelworld with a very competitive price tag the other day.

Smack in the Cotswolds AONB, surrounded by rolling pastures with an inviting boozer, Norman church and an active local community.

Unusually, and seemingly all of a sudden, there are quite a few properties being put on sale in the quintessentially English picture book village.

About to make the estate agent call, I then noted that also in its environs sits a disused Ministry of Defence base.

After investigation, I learnt of a local rumour that the site has been "scheduled for future government disposal" and may be utilised for entirely different purposes. Are you thinking what I'm thinking?

Nobody wants to live next to a migrant camp and it is in no way controversial to say it out loud. Even cemetery-toothed Zack Polanski, tax-allergic leader of the Greens, would baulk at the idea.

Home buying in Burnham's Britain has become a perilous business with unprecedented new obstacles to navigate.

Sorry to sound like a Nimby, but a move is now neither worth the risk nor the stamp duty.

Maya's great, shame about her Bristols

I THOUGHT Maya Jama had it all. Beauty. Brains. Balls.

A gifted television and radio host and she's even a bit of a thesp apparently, with Guy Ritchie casting her in the new series of The Gentlemen.

She can pack a punch and box too, as demonstrated at the after-party for the show's premiere this week.

What more could a man wish for?

Alas, it is my duty to break this to you gently. I have unearthed a certain fact which is a red line, I'm afraid Maya.

She grew up on the blue side of Bristol and I have sadly learned that Maya is, I'm sorry to tell you, a fan of Bristol Rovers Football Club.

Up The City!

AS September dawned, shops such as my local Shelter laid out their Christmas cards – despite the fact we were all still in shorts. Halloween masks have appeared early, too – particularly in the Price household.

MEGA . . . Bunny and gang

JIVE'S FINAL DANCE

PLEASE pray silence for music legend John Pickles.

"John who?" you ask.

Only the flippin' mastermind behind Jive Bunny And The Mastermixers who haunted my teens with high-energy novelty megamixes using hideous samples of 50s, 60s, and 70s rock 'n' roll and pop classics.

They don't make music like that any more. Thank the Lord.

Jive Bunny has sadly hopped off aged 84 for the great rabbit warren in the sky where he is undoubtedly up there jamming with Hendrix, Lennon, Dolly and his fellow legends.

RIP, Jive.

STICK LAGS IN FORCES

OUR Armed Forces have shrunk in number since the end of the Cold War.

Personnel figures in 1990 were 306,000 and now stand at 183,000.

That cackling you can hear is coming from the Kremlin.

The number of reserves was 340,000 back then and is presently closer to 30,000. Indefensible.

Those fireworks you can hear are coming from the Kremlin.

Meanwhile, our prisons are bursting with more fired-up young men of fighting age than you'd find inside Bonnie Blue and her bedroom.

Under Our Andeh's early prison release scheme, some 4,500 lags will begin to be released on to our streets from October.

But their Get Out Of Jail Free card should come with a caveat.

What price liberty? Those fit and able should only be released if they agree to sign up for the Armed Forces for the rest of their sentences – and hopefully beyond.

Prison places freed up, defence numbers boosted, scrotes barracked. Let's transform these street soljas into real soldiers.

SMOOTH . . . Macron

MASTER OF THE 'GRAM

SACRE bleu! Zut alors! and assorted French exclamations.

I've been taking a deep dive into French President Emmanuel Macron's Instagram and c'est magnifique.

He's got The Beatles on there, Queen the band and Charles the King, Arcade Fire, Larry The Cat, Crocodile Rock, Ukrainian influencers.

It's fast, funny, modern and fresh. No wonder he boasts 6.8million followers.

You can get a good read of a person from their Instagram posts.

Ey up and by 'eck, have you seen Our Andeh's feed? It's full of chuffin' Greggs, Scampi Fries, IPA, pork scratchings, proper brews, Ange and, believe it or not, MANN.CHESS.STIRR. Not very Prime Ministerial at all really.

He's only managed 750,000 followers so far, 85,000 shy of S'Keir's, which is music-free and, ahem, rather dull. Way!

Nigel Farrago's is all Spitfires, presidential pouts in salmon pink slacks, loads of fags and pints, soundtracked by Birdy's Wings. I wonder whether the singer is aware her music is being used for such purposes.

Nige is over a mill, double always-seething Rupert Lowe's figure, who will be green with envy at Zack Polanski's healthy 714,000.

Tory Kemi needs to up her game – her flock of 367,000 are served up a tedious diet of dull speeches and unimaginative interviews. Yawn.

She should poach Macron's social media team tout de suite.

WIN FOR THUGS

WHEN gangster twins Ronnie and Reggie Kray died in 1995 and 2000 respectively, no schools closed during their funerals and processions in London's East End.

Yet yesterday, a number of schools in Middlesbrough shut early ahead of the funeral for one of the A66 victims.

What a complete overreaction – a victory for thugs at the expense of the wider community.

If anyone manages to locate a bit of British backbone in the future please let me know.

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GET YOURSELF ON COURSE FOR A SALARY BOOST

Knowledge is (earning) power

LEARN something new and you could be quids in.

By MEL HUNTER

From gaining knowledge to taking up a hobby, picking up new skills could be your ticket to earning more.

It doesn't need to cost much, with these ways to study . . .

OPEN TO ALL: OpenLearn from the Open University has hundreds of free courses covering everything from languages, history and the arts to computing, business and science.

You could learn for fun, study something to give you a lucrative new career or side hustle, or do a course to help you manage money, like MoneySavingExpert's Academy of Money one.

It's also a great way to dip your toe into study before committing to longer commitment. Search free courses at open.edu/openlearn.

CAREER LADDER LEARNING: At national careers.service.gov.uk there is a course finder perfect for people who want to give their career a boost.

You can search by location, subject and learning method, whether it be online, in a classroom, part-time or in the evening.

Fees vary but there are no-cost options if you check out the Government's Free Courses for Jobs scheme.

The site also flags information about funding support.

OLDER AND WISER: There is nothing that U3A (University of the Third Age) members do not know, and the aim of the movement is to share that knowledge with others in their "third age". There are thousands of interest groups covering everything from technology to gardening, photography and music. There is a low-cost annual membership fee, often around £20.

DIGI LESSONS: Making the most of the internet could save you a fortune, thanks to things like online-only deals and tariffs. But many people need support to learn the digital skills that can open up that world for them.

Learn My Way from Good Things Foundation is a free online platform that helps people gain basic digital skills. See learnmyway.com for details.

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What's new?

ASDA is spicing up lunch with its new chicken curry triple sandwich, filled with chicken korma, tikka and madras and available as part of the £3.74 takeaway meal deal with a snack and drink.

Little helper

STOCK up on student staples with the Co-op's Freshers Fix giving three items for £3, saving up to £3.45. Includes Itsu Chick'n Ramen noodles and broth, normally £2.15 a pot.

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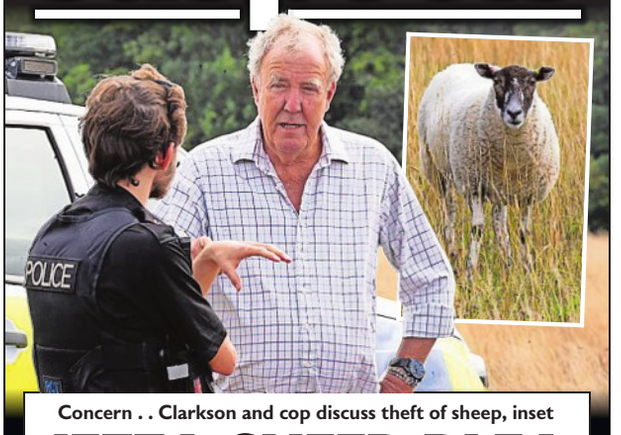
Round up the ewesual suspects



Concern . . Clarkson and cop discuss theft of sheep, inset

JEZZA SHEEP PLEA

By THOMAS GODFREY

JEREMY Clarkson has urged fans to contact him if they have seen his 11 stolen sheep.

We told yesterday how the TV star had the ewes swiped from his 1,000-acre Diddly Squat Farm.

Asked who fans should tell if they have any information, he said: "Me! Come to the farm and let me know.

"I know it sounds ridiculous but Easycares are quite distinctive sheep. They've got a very pointy face."

Farmhand and Clarkson's Farm co-star Kaleb Cooper believes the rustlers took 11 as they only had a small trailer.

He fears the sheep have already been slaughtered as keeping them risks arrest.

Kaleb explained: "They have got our own tag. It's fairly easy to cut that out and put another in. But if I went to your flock I could tell which is mine and which is yours.

"Every neighbour knows what their sheep look like.

"The police have got to be on this (theft), because it is happening more often."

A source from a local farm said: "A raid like this needs some planning and it could well be that whoever did this knows who owned the sheep."

Yesterday, Jezza kicked off the Hawkstone harvest festival at his Farmer's Dog pub near Burford, Oxon.

He added of his animals: "It's the weirdest relationship. You know they're going to be sold in the pub and other people are going to eat them.

"But you don't half love them when you've got them."

That's a wrap, Anya

By JACK HARDWICK

PEAKY Blinders actress Anya Taylor-Joy plays peekaboo — wrapped in a see-through gown made from tracing paper.

The 30-year-old — pushy wife Gina Gray in the Brummie crime hit — posed for this month's front page of fashion mag V, *right*.

Anya played a chess star in TV's The Queen's Gambit — and film fans hope she'll sweep the board in Dune: Part Three in December.

Picture: NICK KNIGHT

£333k BAKE BREAK

A FOOD firm has been fined £333,000 after a worker's arm was broken on a sausage roll production line.

Ribeca Jesuthasan was cleaning at David Wood Baking in 2023 when she passed her hand through an unguarded conveyor roller. Although the line had been turned off, it began to operate and her arm was pulled into the rotating roller, causing multiple fractures.

A Health and Safety Executive probe found the factory in Sheerness, Kent, failed to stop access to rotating parts.

David Wood Foods, of Leeds, pleaded guilty at Medway magistrates' court this week and was fined £333,333.

Sun SPOT

A FACTORY-sealed 4GB Mk1 iPhone – which was bought new for £400 in June 2007 – is being auctioned in Arizona next Sunday for a whopping £150,000.

COP'S VIAGRA LIES

A COP commended for being first to arrive at the Westminster Bridge terror attack has been barred – after asking a junior officer for Viagra.

Former Det Sgt Gary Waite was offered "plus 4 blue" – a reference to the sex boost pills – in return for days off by Det Con Pervaz Malik, a misconduct panel heard. It ruled Waite's relationship with Malik – fired over drugs and organising sex workers – was "inappropriate". He lied nine times about his junior being on duty.

Waite quit the Met in March. He ran to London's Westminster Bridge after Khalid Masood killed five in 2017.

40YR-JAIL KILLER BACK IN PRISON

BRITAIN'S longest serving female prisoner is back behind bars weeks after being released.

By JULIA ATHERLEY

Murderer Maria Pearson, 70, walked free last month after serving almost 40 years.

The mum of three stabbed to death Janet Newton, her ex's new partner, in a jealous rage in 1986.

The Parole Board turned down nine previous bids for freedom but backed her release in June, despite warnings she may pose a high risk of causing serious harm.

Pearson has now been returned to prison after breaching a licence conditon.

Ms Newton's sister Lynn called it the "most positive update that myself and my family could have hoped for".

She said: "A lesson needs to be learned. I hope with all my heart that she stops in prison until the day she dies. There is no place in society for her. She has proven that by being recalled only two weeks after release."

Licence breach . . Pearson

Pearson, of Hartlepool, was 31 when she stabbed 23-year-old Ms Newton 17 times.

Her 11-year minimum tariff expired in 1998.

But she refused to take part in rehab programmes, and was twice sent back from open prisons for repeated poor behaviour.

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AUTHOR'S SHOCK

By NADIA COHEN

HE was so evil, even his own father branded him a monster.

Dubbed The Suffolk Strangler, Steve Wright became one of Britain's most notorious serial killers when he killed five innocent women.

Tania Nicol, 19, Gemma Adams, 25, Anneli Alderton, 24, Paula Clennell, 24, and Annette Nicholls, 29, were all murdered in Ipswich from October 30 to December 10, 2006.

And in February this year, sick Wright was convicted of killing 17-year-old Victoria Hall as she made her way home from a nightclub in Trimley St Mary, Suffolk, in 1999.

Now a new book suggests that he could have claimed at least **FIVE** more victims – including Suzy Lamplugh who disappeared 40 years ago and remains one of the country's most high-profile unsolved murders.

Karen Bryans, author of The Suffolk Strangler, asks: "Have all of Wright's crimes been uncovered?

"Around 1.4 million people have been stalked in England and Wales. Yet only 8.6 per cent of cases resulted in a charge and only 2.1 per cent end in a conviction.

"And many murders and suicides begin with stalking.

"Are women any safer? Is another predator waiting for his own bid at true crime notoriety?"

Suzy Lamplugh, a 25-year-old estate agent, left her office in Fulham, South West London, in July 1986 to meet a client referred to in her diary as Mr Kipper and never returned.

Wright was first considered a suspect in 2008 as he had been a waiter on the QE2 when Suzy was a beautician on the cruise ship.

He attempted to chat her up, but she rejected him.

Police spoke to 17 of their crewmates who denied Wright had a relationship with Suzy and said he was on the ship the day she vanished – so they ruled him out.

'Killings were outpacing the police inquiry'

But Wright's ex-wife Diane later revealed he was on shore leave when Suzy went missing – then, when her disappearance made the news, he denied ever knowing her.

Diane also told how he often used the word kipper as slang for face, saying things like, "What's up with your kipper?"

Now Bryans suspects that Wright could also be responsible for the unsolved murder of Jeanette Kempton who was found strangled off the A12 near Southwold, Suffolk, in February 1989.

He may have also killed Amanda Duncan, 26, who was working as a prostitute in July 1993. The single mum-of-two, who was last seen alive in the red light area in Ipswich, has never been found.

Kellie Pratt, 28, was last seen outside The Rose Inn pub in Norwich in June 2000, while 22-year-old Michelle Bettles's body was found three days after she disappeared from the Norwich red light area in March 2002.

Could Wright also have killed them both?

By the mid-2000s, life on the streets of Ipswich had changed because of a tough police crackdown.

Sex workers were hit with ASBOs and moved on, meaning they no longer had security in numbers.

Gemma Adams' body was recovered on December 1, 2006. Wright's youngest victim, Tania Nicol, was the first to vanish – and five weeks later her body was found in the same brook where Gemma had been discovered just days earlier.

Yet entangled in her hair was a tiny flake of evidence – fibres from the interior of Wright's Ford Mondeo.

Two days later, Anneli Anderson's body had been found, laid out as if suspended on a cross.

For three days, drivers had passed her corpse at the side of a busy road, believing it to be a dumped mannequin. The Cypriot-born prostitute had been strangled.

After the three deaths were reported, panic broke out in Nacton, the quiet village where the bodies were found. Rape alarms were handed out.

Police launched Operation Sumac, the biggest manhunt in 20 years which involved 300 officers from 40 forces, 176 searches and fielding 13,000 calls from the public.

Prostitutes were offered incentives to stay off the streets – but most ignored the warnings and instead put weapons such as kitchen knives and bricks in their handbags.

Annette Nicholls, who kept working even after Gemma and Tania went missing, was the oldest victim and the last to be found. Mum-of-

SUSPECTED VICTIMS

MICHELLE BETTLES

AMANDA DUNCAN

KELLIE PRATT

JEANETTE KEMPTON

SUZY LAMPLUGH

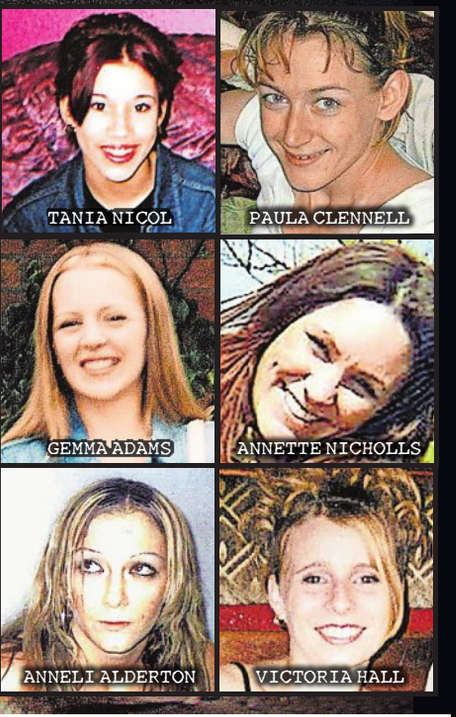
THEORY ON SERIAL KILLER STEVE WRIGHT

DID THE SUFFOLK STRANGLER MURDER FIVE MORE WOMEN? WAS ONE OF THEM SUZY LAMPLUGH?

HUNTING GROUND . . . Lou, a 28-year-old prostitute, in Ipswich's red-light district in December 2006 despite police warnings about a serial killer
Picture by CHRIS HARRIS Times Newspapers

EVIL . . . Suffolk Police picture of Wright in February 2008, when he was found guilty of five of the murders at Ipswich Crown Court

HIS KNOWN VICTIMS



three Paula Clennell had been found strangled earlier the same day. Like all the victims, she was naked except for her jewellery.

Bryans says: "The killings were outpacing the inquiry."

The speed of the deaths became the fastest murder spree in British criminal history.

It had taken Yorkshire Ripper Peter Sutcliffe two years to kill his first five victims – Wright had murdered three in ten days.

Wright had paid for sex since the Seventies as he travelled the world as a waiter on a cruise liner.

Scammed by a Thai prostitute he fell for, he returned home penniless and attempted to kill himself. Bryans asks: "Was that the moment that lit the fuse of a rage against women who sell sex?"

Wright developed a fetish for cross dressing, getting into his Mondeo in a PVC miniskirt, basque-style corset, high heels and dark wig night after night.

Local sex workers' nicknames for him included Silverback Gorilla, Mondeo Man and The Soldier due to his camouflage trousers.

'You get two girls for the price of one'

His unsuspecting partner Pam was oblivious to his double life, believing she was simply a golf widow.

When she was at work, he took women to their flat and had sex on the floor, avoiding the bed in case Pam noticed. Police had stopped Wright early in their investigation but let him go, just two days before another woman went missing. But when they found a DNA match for Wright on file from a 2001 theft conviction, cops swooped and arrested him on December 19.

Pam insisted her boyfriend was innocent and provided an alibi, saying she had been off sick when Tania Nicol went missing.

In fact, the two-week gap between Tania and Gemma disappearing was because Pam had been off work and Wright could not get away. Records from Pam's office showed she was working each time he killed.

A mouth swab from Wright matched three of his victims. Two pairs of semen-stained gardening gloves were found in his car, containing DNA from Anneli and Annette.

Fibres from both of them and Paula and Tania's hair were present on the tracksuit he was wearing when arrested.

Wright claimed he had sex with all the victims, hence the DNA matches, but had not killed them.

He told cops he preferred street workers because "you get two girls for the price of one." He haggled them down to £20 each.

In her book, which is published on Thursday, Bryans also explains how Wright resented his nurse mum Patricia for leaving his policeman dad Conrad when he was seven, and he never liked his stepmum Val, although she defended him when he was arrested.

When he was working on the QE2, Wright became infatuated with ship window dresser Diane Cole. They married in 1987 but he was controlling and violent – banging her head against the wall when she didn't fold their bedsheets straight.

He then had a daughter with barmaid Sarah Whiteley but they split before the baby's first birthday.

Yet he always maintained his two vices, paying for sex and gambling.

Bryans said: "Whenever his gambling caused some calamity – the loss of a pub, bankruptcy over unpaid loans – sex with a working girl was there to distract him.

"Was it the simplicity of it – pay your money, receive satisfaction? Or the control?

"If women could leave you high and dry, was it better to buy them instead?"

CLAIMS . . author Karen Bryans

■The Suffolk Strangler by Karen Bryans is published by Mirror Books on 10 September, £10.99

Fortune . . . Annabel

Lady Di's pal cut 3 children out of will

By THOMAS GODFREY

SOCIALITE Lady Annabel Goldsmith cut three of her children out of her will – because their billionaire father had already "generously provided" for them.

Princess Diana's friend, often described as her "surrogate mother", left her £5.6million fortune to Robin, 68, and India, 65, the children from her marriage to first husband Mark Birley.

Jemima Khan, 52, Lord Zac Goldsmith, 51, and Ben Goldsmith, 45, will only inherit if their half-siblings die before them.

Their father, Lady Annabel's second husband Sir James, died in 1997 and was worth an estimated £1billion.

Lady Annabel died in October last year at her mansion in Richmond, West London. In tribute, Jemima wrote: "Even though she was 91 and had lived a huge life, we were still unprepared."

Row . . . Millie & Alice

School's skirt ban over girl pupil, 11

By PAUL SIMS

A MUM has slammed a school's "woke" uniform policy after her daughter was forced to wear trousers on her first day.

Social worker Alice Jones, 38, was stunned when staff said 11-year-old Millie could not go in wearing a skirt.

She has made a formal complaint and hopes the Co-op Academies Trust school in Gtr Manchester will axe the policy.

Mum-of-three Alice, of Oldham, said: "Millie was crying at the thought of wearing trousers.

"She's a girl, was born a girl and identifies as one. She should be able to wear a skirt. Girls have always done so and it's sexist to prevent her.

"If she wanted to identify as a cat and wear whiskers and a tail they'd allow that to happen. It's wokeism and raises questions about inequality."

The school was asked for a comment.

MAN ABOUT THE HOUSE STAR DIES AT 82

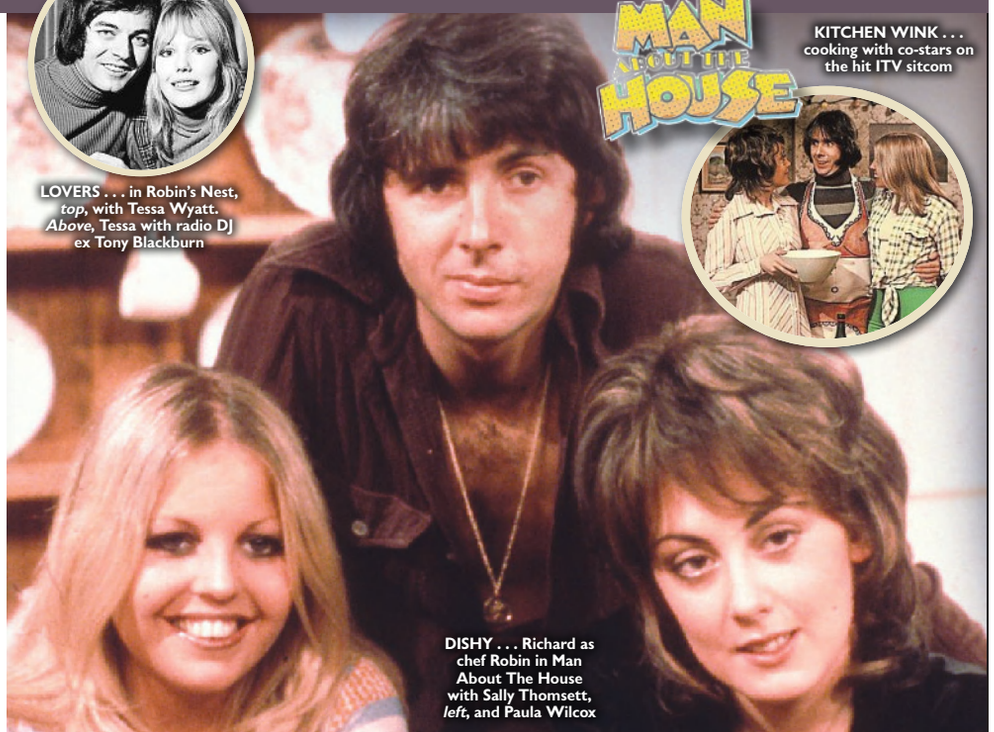
GREAT POINT . . . *from left*, Richard, Cliff Richard, Melvyn Hayes and Una Stubbs in 1963 classic The Young Ones

STAND AND DELIVER . . . playing Dick Turpin in TV series

FATHER FIGURE . . . as widower dad with Joanna Ridley in Me And My Girl

By
JIM MALONEY

LOVERS . . . in Robin's Nest, *top*, with Tessa Wyatt. *Above*, Tessa with radio DJ ex Tony Blackburn



KITCHEN WINK . . . cooking with co-stars on the hit ITV sitcom

DISHY . . . Richard as chef Robin in Man About The House with Sally Thomsett, *left*, and Paula Wilcox

Richard O'Sullivan... the heart-throb with a lopsided grin who sent up 70s lotharios

WITH his lopsided grin that could convey both leer and sneer, Richard O'Sullivan was an unlikely heart-throb.

The actor, who became one of the biggest TV stars of the 1970s, said of his trademark grin: "After the dentist did a mucky job on a tooth I tried smiling sideways to hide it.

"Then I caught a cricket ball full in the mouth and that seems to have fixed it for good."

Richard, who died aged 82 yesterday at a care home run by actors' charity Royal Variety, was best-known as charming lothario Robin Tripp in Man About The House.

From 1973 to 1976, the nation tuned in to the ITV sitcom to watch his character's misadventures with flatmates Chrissy and Jo, played by Paula Wilcox and Sally Thomsett.

Giles Cooper, life president of the Royal Variety, said: "Richard O'Sullivan was a master of effortless charm and impeccable comic timing, bringing pure warmth, wit, and unforgettable joy to millions."

The actor's son Jamie said in a statement: "My dad was as funny and charming in real life as he appeared on our TV screens.

"Kind, spirited, good-humoured, a doting grandfather and a wonderful dad – I will miss him dearly.

"Although much of his career happened before I was born, I was fortunate enough to be able to enjoy and witness his incredible talents on the countless re-runs of his shows that made him the respected and loved actor that he was."

'Master of ad-libbing'

Richard was born to Irish parents on May 7, 1944, in Chiswick, West London, where he grew up with his younger brother.

At a young age, his flair for acting was noticed by his teacher Rhona Knight, and he later attended the Corona Theatre School.

He appeared in his first film at the age of eight, as an extra in 1953 crime drama The Yellow Balloon.

As a teen, he played one of Cliff Richard's pals in The Young Ones, and Pharaoh Ptolemy XIII in Cleopatra, starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton.

Recalling how shooting the big-budget Hollywood classic at the tender age of 19 changed him, Richard admitted: "I was flash – but you couldn't help it.

"I did eight days work in eight months on location, with £150 for pocket money. When I got tired of watching the Roma football team, I'd catch a plane back to London to watch Chelsea."

It was a different story for the rest of the Sixties. Living with model Diana Terry, but with only small roles in TV dramas, he drew on money his parents had saved for him when he was a child star.

He recalled: "I was out of work at 24 and realised I had to make some money to pay the bills. I drove a mini cab, worked in a petrol station. I even thought of joining a Kibbutz in Israel."

Richard's big break came in 1971, playing Lawrence Bingham in the ITV sitcom Doctor At Large, followed by Doctor In Charge.

His co-star George Layton said: "He didn't always learn his lines the right way around but he would make you laugh and that's quite a gift to be able to do that."

That same year he married Diana.

VISIT . . . meeting Meghan in 2018

The marriage lasted seven months – but his acting career was to hit the heights as it became clear that his true calling was comedy acting.

Man About The House co-star Paula said: "He was a master at ad-libbing" – and his comic skills were put to further good use in 1977 spin-off Robin's Nest, in which his chef character opened a bistro.

Accomplished pianist Richard wrote the theme tune for the sitcom.

He started a relationship with his co-star Tessa Wyatt, although they refused to confirm it for years.

Tessa had separated from Tony Blackburn, with whom she had a son, Simon – and the BBC DJ was heartbroken, sharing his grief with millions of Radio One listeners as he played weepy break-up songs.

Later in life, Sally Thomsett revealed that she had also had a relationship with Richard when they were on Man About The House.

Richard played the lead role in Dick Turpin over four series from 1979 yet was still publically playing the single man in interviews, despite his involvement with Tessa.

But when Tessa became pregnant with their son Jamie, it was written into the storyline for the new series of Robin's Nest.

Another sitcom came in 1984, Me And My Girl, in which he played a widower bringing up a 13-year-old daughter played by Joanne Ridley.

That year, Tessa moved out of the home she shared with her partner in Ascot, Berks.

In 1988, Richard married Christine Smart, a former trapeze artist and granddaughter of circus boss Billy.

They divorced five years later and he began drinking heavily before booking into a treatment facility on Boxing Day, 1994, later admitting: "I am a hard-drinking depressive." His final acting role was in 1996 satire Holed, with Tony Robinson, about a suburban golf club.

After a stroke in 2003, he moved to Brinsworth House, a retirement home for entertainers in Twickenham, South West London, where he lived for the remainder of his life.

His Man About the House co-stars Brian Murphy, Sally Thomsett and Paula Wilcox visited him there and his pal George Layton went to see him every year on his birthday.

George said: "He is one of the funniest actors one could ever work with. I love him."

In 2018, the Duchess of Sussex met Richard when she visited the retirement home.

"I believe everyone has two big pieces of luck," Richard once said, perhaps thinking of his childhood acting career and his adult one.

"The first time your luck comes round you might not appreciate it. You'll have one more chance. Miss it, and that's it."

Paraded . . . dolphin

Migrants 'hit & kill' dolphin

By ED SOUTHGATE

MIGRANTS paraded a baby dolphin around a beach before reportedly beating it to death.

Footage shows a laughing crowd holding aloft the creature, which had been hauled from the sea.

It appears to have been filmed by one of the group at Spanish city Ceuta in North Africa.

The scenes sparked an online petition demanding those responsible for killing the protected calf are arrested and charged.

Nadia Garcia Gomez, who launched it, wrote: "The animal was handled as if it were an object and violently struck on the head with a stick."

Almost 5,000 illegal migrants are still in Ceuta a month after the border breach saw around 72,000 swarm the enclave from Morocco.

BRIDAL GLOOM

The number of UK wedding-related firms is down this year, the first drop since records began.

NEPAL FLOODS CARNAGE

TUNNEL MIRACLE

Rescue . . . foreman Sanjay carried to safety

Safe . . . Kabir is brought out the tunnel on stretcher

Picture: EPA

2 saved after 9-day ordeal

TWO hydropower workers were rescued from a tunnel yesterday — nine days after devastating floods hit Nepal.

Sanjay Sah, 30, and Kabir Maharjan, 45, were saved after rescuers heard their voices.

When he was rescued, disoriented foreman Sanjay asked army officials: "What day is it?"

The search crew abseiled down a manhole and blasted a pathway to reach the pair, who were almost 600ft deep inside the tunnel.

They were found in the Upper Trishuli 3A Hydropower Station after getting trapped during devastating flash floods, which erupted on the Nepal-Tibet border.

They were among around 900 workers missing from 12 hydropower projects in the Himalayas.

Some 500 workers are thought to be trapped inside tunnels after they were blocked off when a 100mph torrent of mud, ice and water thundered down the mountains. Both men were taken to hospital in Nepal's capital Kathmandu.

Mechanical supervisor Kabir is in a critical condition. His wife said: "We believed he would come back." Sanjay's injuries are not serious.

There are now 1,318 confirmed dead and 5,614 – including 48 Brits – still missing in Nepal and Tibet.

By AMIR RAZAVI

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9 TO TOP 5

the charts

SINGLES

1. Choosin' Texas – **ELLA LANGLEY**
2. Great Expectation – **SIENNA SPIRO**
3. Movin' To The Sun – **HUGEL, IMAEL ANGEL & ULTRA NATE**
4. Boston – **STELLA LEFTY**
5. 9 To 5 – **DOLLY PARTON**
6. Jolene – **DOLLY PARTON**
7. Rein Me In – **SAM FENDER & OLIVIA DEAN**
8. The Cure – **OLIVIA RODRIGO**
9. Islands In The Stream – **DOLLY PARTON & KENNY ROGERS**
10. Man I Need – **OLIVIA DEAN**

DOLLY PARTON'S 1980 track 9 To 5 is *finally* a UK hit – at No5, a week on from her death.

The US country great's upbeat song, poking fun at the patriarchy, made only No47 here when released.

Her 1973 hit Jolene, which originally peaked here at No7, is now No6, and 1983's Islands In The Stream with KENNY ROGERS is No9.

Dolly's greatest hits collection Diamonds & Rhinestones is at an all-time high of No5.

There's a country takeover in the latest charts, as US singer-songwriter ELLA LANGLEY's single Choosin' Texas has risen to No1 – finally dislodging SAM FENDER and OLIVIA DEAN's Rein Me In after its record-breaking 23 weeks in the top spot, non-consecutive.

ORDINARY singer ALEX WARREN shoots straight to No1 in the albums chart, with his second studio record Wildchild, narrowly beating a new hits collection from COURTEENERS.

BANANARAMA are back at No6 with a reissue of their third studio album True Confessions, 40 years after its release.

ALBUMS

1. Wildchild – **ALEX WARREN**
2. God Bless The Band – **COURTEENERS**
3. The Essential – **MICHAEL JACKSON**
4. You Seem Pretty Sad For A Girl So In Love – **OLIVIA RODRIGO**
5. Diamonds & Rhinestones – **DOLLY PARTON**
6. True Confessions – **BANANARAMA**
7. Visitor – **SIENNA SPIRO**
8. The Art Of Loving – **OLIVIA DEAN**
9. 50 Years - Don't Stop – **FLEETWOOD MAC**
10. The Highlights – **THE WEEKND**

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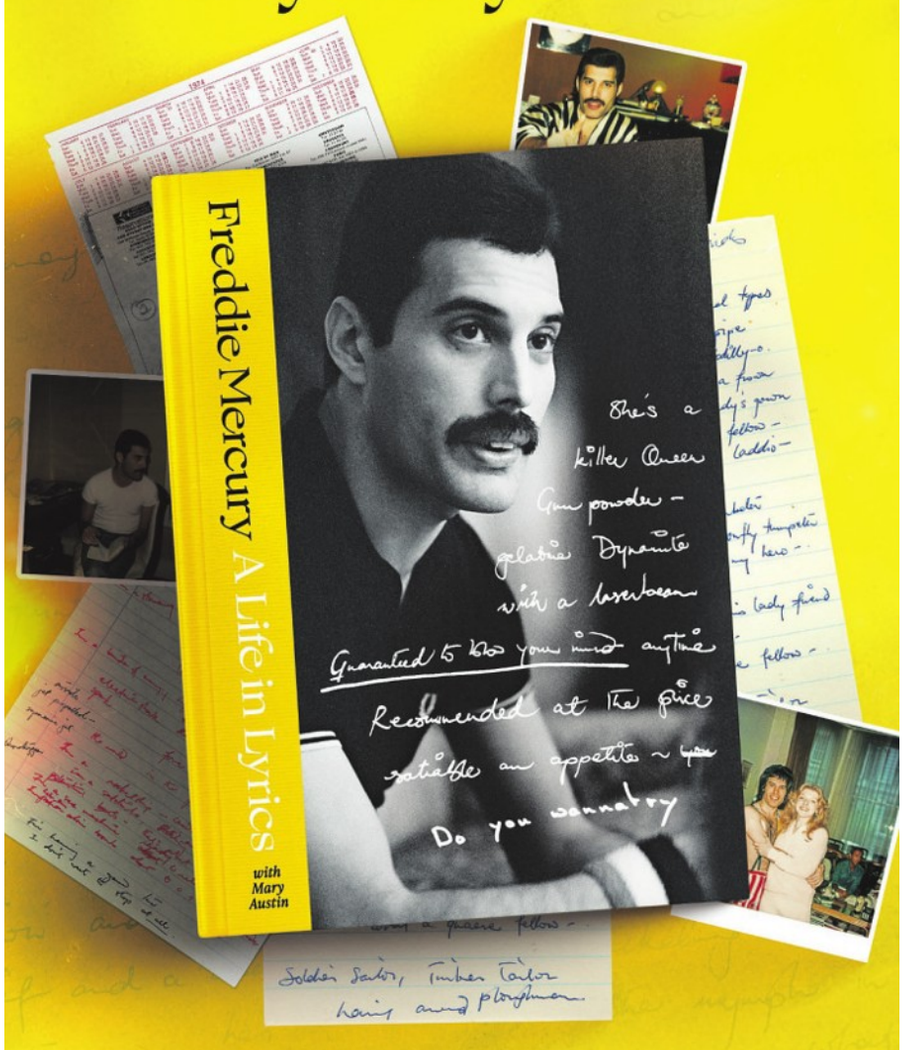

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BASH . . . Su, Sabrina, Alesha

MAKE NO MIS-TEEQ, IT'LL BE BIG

MIS-TEEQ will reunite for their one-off 25th anniversary concert next Saturday, and have some very special artists to warm up the crowd.

Insiders tell me **ALESHA DIXON**, **SABRINA WASHINGTON** and **SU-ELISE NASH** have teamed up with their support act, Rampage Sound, to handpick a line-up of UK garage artists to help get the party night started.

Rampage Sound will present the line-up.

A source said: "This concert is all about celebration for Mis-Teeq and they knew they wanted to have multiple acts to really whip the audience up.

"They've secured **DAMAGE**, **EGYPT**, **KELE LE ROC**, **MALIKA**, **GRACIOUS KAY** and **MONSTA BOY** to perform. It's going to be off the charts."

Tickets have already sold out, as excitement builds.

I'm sure it will be huge.

BLACK SABBATH lead guitarist **TONY IOMMI** has told how he spoke to bandmate **OZZY OSBOURNE** the night before the front-man died last summer.

Tony, who had recently performed with him at the Back To The Beginning concert in Birmingham, told Music Radar: "He said to me, 'I really feel tired, really worn out'. I said, 'Well, it's been a lot of stress'. Next day, *[he's]* gone."

NAN HAS SPOOKEN

ANNE-MARIE has used a psychic to help make her upcoming fourth album.

The Ciao Adios singer told Heart Breakfast: "I see psychics all the time, and I saw one and he goes, 'Your nan is here and she's telling you in your music you need to stop shouting and sing properly'.

"I thought, actually I do shout quite a bit, so I've tried to sing properly on this one."

The married mum of two added: "It's really strange because I feel like a lot of my career I've written about a lot of really annoying ex-boyfriends, and I don't have one at the moment. I've had to branch out and try and find other stuff to sing about and I do have a lot to sing about. It's been great and I've been writing with amazing people."

WITH fame, fortune and five Grammys to their name, I couldn't blame SAM SMITH for being demanding these days.

But as the Lay Me Down singer sits down with Bizarre's Jack backstage at Manchester's Albert Hall ahead of two sold-out shows, it's refreshingly clear that 13 years of global stardom hasn't warped them one bit.

Sam admits: "I try to live a glamorous life, but I also love the highs and lows.

"I have diva dogs, which I am allergic to, and yes, I love a bubble bath. But I just love a service station in the UK, like Moto.

"I really do have the best of both worlds. I feel like I'm very lucky in my fame and my life because I've managed to have a life where I really do live quite normally.

"Like yesterday in Manchester, I just walked around with my friend, went shopping, and then went for a curry and to the cinema.

"I get asked for some pictures here and there, but people will normally just let me be a lot of the time. I'm able to live how I would if I wasn't famous."

And while recent years have seen Sam wear an inflatable latex bodysuit at the Brits and become a food blogger with the account Sam Served, it's not the finer things in life they turn to at home.

Sam, who came out as non-binary in 2019 and uses they/them pronouns, explains: "I love food more than people know. I mean, you could probably tell I love food.

"I'm very adventurous with what I like, and I am very passionate about comfort food and about celebrating that, as someone who's also fluctuated with weight through the years.

Wacky outfits

"It's just nice to talk about food and eat it as well, and not put on massive blow-up latex outfits all the time."

Next week, they will kick off an eight-night residency at the London Coliseum, where I'm told special guests are being lined up to surprise fans.

It comes after last month's release of Sam's fifth album, Hazel Eyes – a record which harks back to their 2014 debut, In The Lonely Hour.

There is no denying that Sam's image has changed a lot over the years, and their curly moustache and sometimes wacky outfits are a far cry from the suits worn in their early days.

But Sam insists it's all part of their self-expression.

"It's all the real Sam," they explain.

"We can all be everything. And every single album, every expression of mine, is an expression of who I am.

"At the beginning of my career, I really wanted to find this one look, just one thing, and stick to it, but it's just not who I am.

"I'm many different things, and I have so many different tones and themes, and different pop stars within me."

They continue: "All my outfits are in storage and all looked after – even some of my suits from the beginning of my career. Even things like the jacket I wore to the Oscars. I try to save everything I can."

Hazel Eyes' album track Oh

ENGAGED . . . Sam with Christian

GOT GOSSIP? CALL OR WHATSAPP THE

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THINK PINK TO SUPPORT YOUTH

SAM has launched The Pink House Foundation to help queer youth.

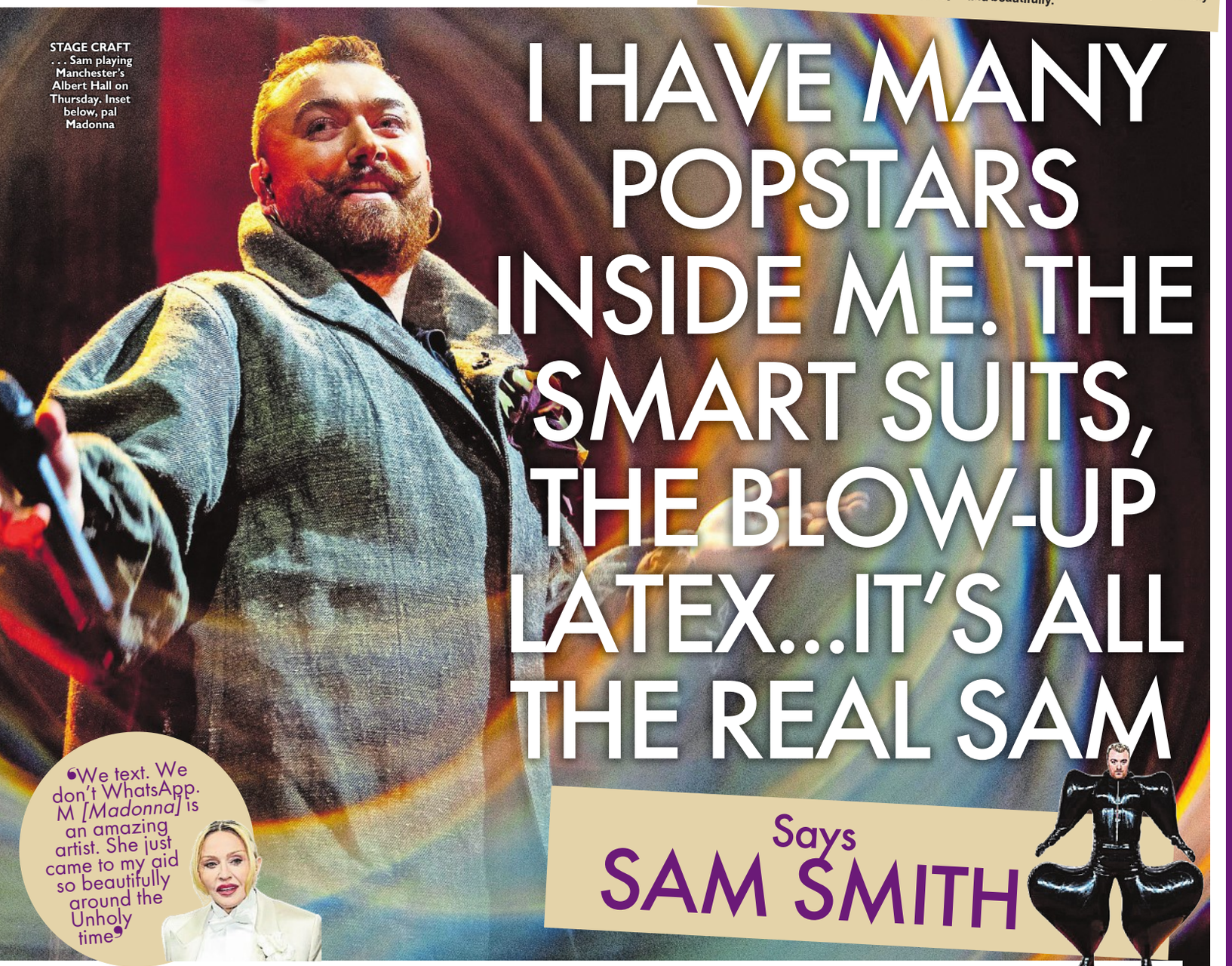
Speaking about the charity, they told Bizarre: "I grew up in a house called The Pink House. I was lucky enough to grow up in a very safe, beautiful environment where I was able to be who I wanted to be, and I got to grow as a person because of that safety.

"I just want to bring that to other people."

Sam added: "I've travelled all around the world and I've been to so many different parts of the world where LGBTQ laws don't exist . . . and people are struggling to find safety, the basic needs we need as humans, some people don't have.

"So I want to put everything I can behind supporting these amazing foundations and people who are saving queer lives and youth.

"It's something I'm just very passionate about. And it's all happening very naturally and beautifully."



STAGE CRAFT . . . Sam playing Manchester's Albert Hall on Thursday. Inset below, pal Madonna

I HAVE MANY POPSTARS INSIDE ME. THE SMART SUITS, THE BLOW-UP LATEX...IT'S ALL THE REAL SAM

Says SAM SMITH

"We text. We don't WhatsApp. M [Madonna] is an amazing artist. She just came to my aid so beautifully around the Unholy time"

Mother is partly inspired by their close bond with **MADONNA**.

The two have been friends for years and collaborated on 2023 single Vulgar – a year after Sam topped the charts with the **KIM PETRAS** collaboration, Unholy.

Sam says of Madge: "We text. We don't WhatsApp. We text.

"M is an amazing artist. She just came to my aid so beautifully around the Unholy time, and I just have so many beautiful memories of when we're in the studio together.

"And because of her support and years prior to that, I'd just been such a huge lover and just so inspired by her music, her art, but also her staying power.

"She goes through so much s**t.

"You just look into the comments sections of anything Madonna, and people are so cruel to her, but she sticks around, and she stays, and she's so strong.

"I find that strength really inspiring to me. Just like the strength of my own mum." There was a three-year gap between Sam's last two albums, but the wait won't be as long for the next record.

Sam says: "Normally with my albums in the past, I've released an album and then toured for, like, three years afterwards.

"But I felt like I grew so deeply after Hazel Eyes that I'm eager to get back into the studio, to carry on my work on the records, like the recording work.

"So I won't be doing any more touring after the London shows. I'll be back into the studio."

After years of singing about love and heartbreak, Sam has finally found The One in fashion designer **CHRISTIAN COWAN**, who recently proposed.

Reflecting on their struggles when it came to dating, Sam says: "There are moments when you're dating that are rough. It's hard. But I always maintained hope.

"Love doesn't mean all your problems go away.

"It's up and down, and you've ultimately got to have a good relationship with yourself before you get into a relationship.

"It's the same with fame. We are all human beings."

And there are no regrets about how things have panned out, particularly the madness of their twenties.

Sam explains: "It was honestly an amazing time. And life now is still amazing, so I don't have regrets or think I missed out back then. I think this was the life I was meant to live.

"I spent a lot of time on my phone in my twenties, which made me quite anxious – sometimes reading the comments, but also looking at other people's lives and their feeds.

"It's important to get out there and watch movies, read books and try new things.

"I tried pottery last year. I also went for a sailing class in New York by myself on the Hudson River, which was amazing.

"I was s**t, but it was a challenge, and I need to do that more as I get older – just try new things."

SAM has teamed up with BBC Introducing to usher in new talent.

All of Sam's shows will be supported by artists from up and down the country hand-picked by the singer from the talent-spotting platform.

Bosses received more than 1,500 submissions, which were then shortlisted by a BBC Introducing panel before Sam personally selected ten to perform at their shows.

Sam's gig on Wednesday will be recorded for a BBC One and BBC Radio 2 concert special.

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Speeder . . . Kulusevski

Football's Dejan in plea over drive ban

By BEN O'DRISCOLL

CROCKED Spurs star Dejan Kulusevski is facing a driving ban after repeatedly being caught speeding.

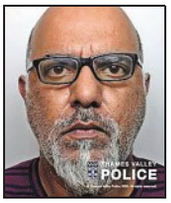
But the Swedish international has pleaded he needs his licence to get home from away matches.

Kulusevski, 26, who missed the whole of last season and the World Cup through injury, was clocked in his Audi at 43mph in East London's 30mph Limehouse Link tunnel last September.

He admitted the offence through the Single Justice Procedure – putting him over the 12-point limit on his licence.

In a written submission he said he is now back in training and added: "I drive to work and back where the hours can be antisocial e.g. I return from an away game very late at night."

His case was referred to a sentencing hearing on September 21 at Barkingside magistrates' court.



Parcels theft . . . Ali

£1.2m in locker of drug sell postman

By ALEX WEST

A ROYAL Mail worker who sold drugs found in parcels had £1.185million in a storage locker.

Amjad Ali's job was to identify packages suspected of containing illegal substances before they were X-rayed.

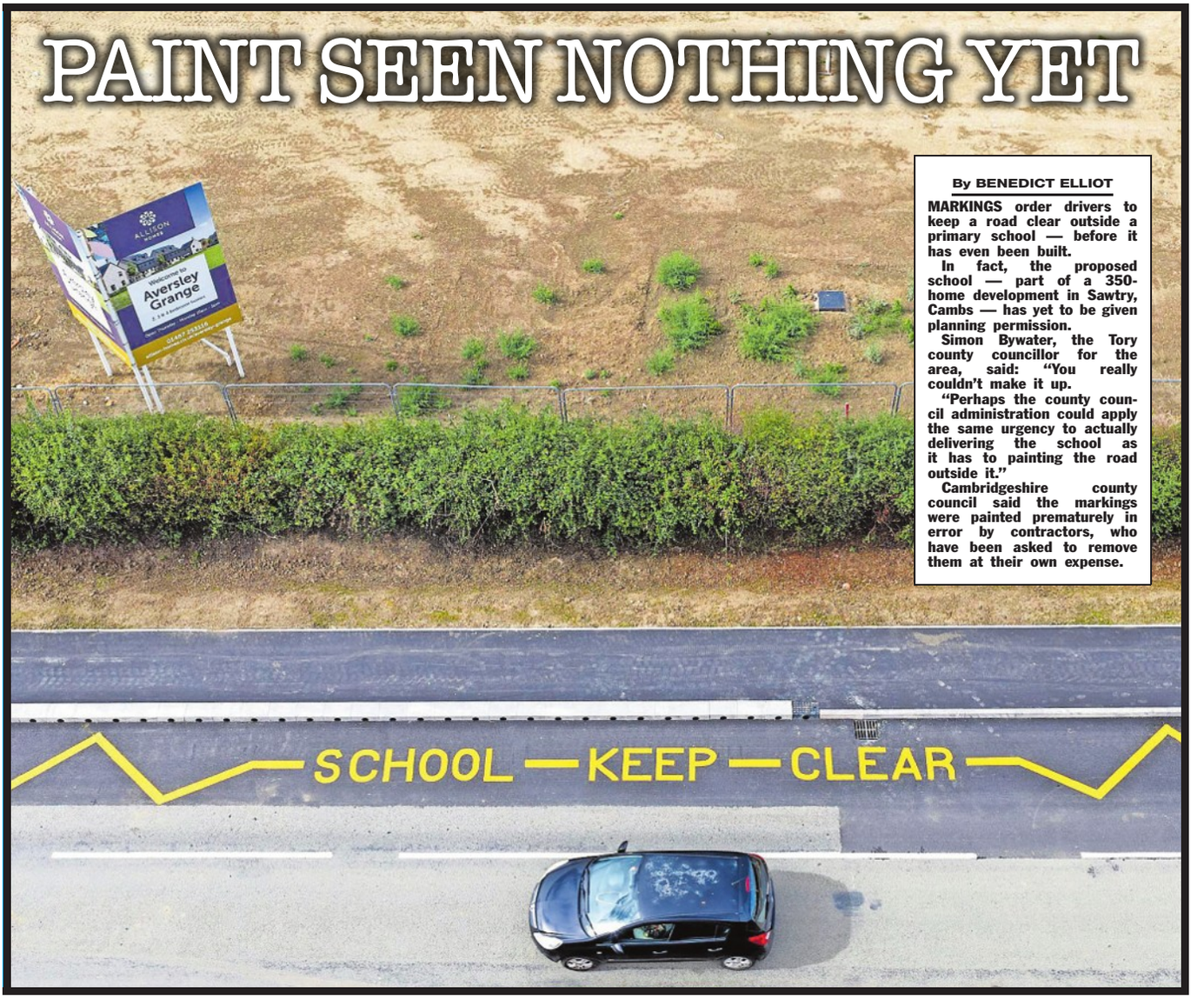
Instead, he relabelled them for delivery to alternative addresses at the Royal Mail's logistics centre in Slough, Berks.

Last December, police found £1,185,420 in cash at a storage locker he used and £42,290 in cash at his Slough home.

All was from the sale of cannabis, it is understood. Ali, 50, admitted being concerned in the supply of drugs and parcel theft and was jailed for six years, nine months at Reading crown court.

Thames Valley Police said: "Ali thought he'd found a lucrative way to exploit his Royal Mail role. His sentence shows that crime doesn't pay."

PAINT SEEN NOTHING YET



By BENEDICT ELLIOT

MARKINGS order drivers to keep a road clear outside a primary school — before it has even been built.

In fact, the proposed school — part of a 350-home development in Sawtry, Cambs — has yet to be given planning permission.

Simon Bywater, the Tory county councillor for the area, said: "You really couldn't make it up.

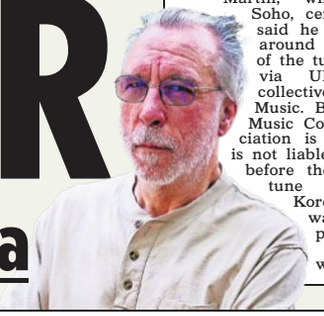
"Perhaps the county council administration could apply the same urgency to actually delivering the school as it has to painting the road outside it."

Cambridgeshire county council said the markings were painted prematurely in error by contractors, who have been asked to remove them at their own expense.

MUSICIAN'S SHOCK SUCCESS

K-POP'S ROYALTY HUNTER

90s song a hit in Korea



EXCLUSIVE by STEPHEN MOYES, Associate News Editor

A PART-time musician browsing YouTube found a song he wrote in 1993 had become a smash hit — in South Korea.

Shocked Martin Kennedy's piece Minuet was used for Kim Chan's 2003 mega K-pop record Bis Na Gan Sa Rang – or Another Love.

It even became the soundtrack to one of the country's most popular TV shows, the drama Snowman, which was syndicated across the Far East. Now retired maths teacher Martin, 68, is in a legal fight for £20,000 he is owed in royalties.

He told The Sun: "It's a miracle that I heard this track.

"I was shuffling through songs and videos, and it took me right back. Whoever stole it all those years ago at least had the decency to stick my name down as the author and composer. Perhaps they thought that this would appease me in the unlikely event that I ever found out."

Martin, who lives in Soho, central London, said he had received around £500 for use of the tune since 2016 via UK copyright collective PRS for Music. But the Korea Music Copyright Association is suggesting it is not liable for pay-outs before then, when his tune with new Korean lyrics was at its most popular.

Martin, *left*, wrote Minuet when a budding musician performing in pubs and clubs, and included it on one of his two albums, which flopped.

Theme . . . TV show Snowman

Kim Chan used the melody as a solo singer after leaving a boyband.

Jiwon Jung, from the Korea Music Copyright Association, insisted: "Royalties eligible for retroactive distribution in accordance with applicable rules were calculated and paid to PRS in May 2025."

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Reprieve . . . Reed

Jail let-off over XL Bully kill of cousin

By ALEX WEST

AN XL Bully owner whose dog mauled her cousin to death has avoided jail.

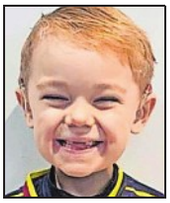
Victim Morgan Dorsett, 19, had taken cocaine and suffered a seizure then began screaming, causing the beast to attack at Kelcie Reed's flat.

Morgan died from bites to her neck and face in February 2025. The dog, Prince, was put down.

Reed, 24, of Bristol, wept at the city's crown court yesterday as Morgan's sister Caelia Dorsett said: "I lost my best friend, the only person who had been through everything with me."

Reed, who shared the pet with her boyfriend, previously admitted being in charge of a dangerously out of control dog.

Judge Anna Richardson sentenced her to 18 weeks' jail, suspended for 18 months, saying Reed was a young mum and had shown clear remorse.



Tragedy . . . Max

Mother's hill climb in tribute to son, 6

By TILLY HARRIS

A MUM is taking part in a hill-climbing challenge in memory of her six-year-old son who died after falling ill while playing football.

Lucy Kuc is doing the Yorkshire Three Peaks challenge to raise cash to build a pitch and community centre for North East Leeds Juniors.

Her son Max fell ill while playing for the team last December and died 24 hours later.

He had beaten cancer after being diagnosed aged one and undergone a liver transplant.

Lucy, of Roundhay, Leeds, will spend this weekend trekking up Pen-y-ghent, Whernside and Ingleborough in the Yorkshire Dales.

Her quest has already raised more than £30,000 for new club facilities.

She said: "We wanted to find a way to make sure Max's memory lives on in something positive."

ROONEYS' FLY-ON-WALL LEADS

DOCUMENTARY

The Greatest – Prime Video, November 4

The first authorised drama documentary about boxing icon Muhammad Ali promises to pack a punch, exploring the victories and defeats that made Ali a legend, both in and out of the ring.

The first series of the scripted show – which has Ali's widow, Lonnie, as executive producer – will span the early years of his sporting career when he was known as Cassius Clay. Jaalen Best plays him.

Gemma Collins: Everything. All At Once – Sky, September 15

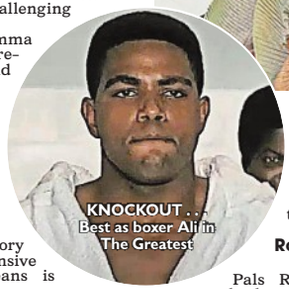
We see a different side to larger-than-life reality star Gemma 'The GC' Collins in this raw and honest eight-part documentary.

Navigating love, family, fertility and grief, cameras follow the former Towie star as she tackles her most challenging year yet.

When filming begins, Gemma and her partner Rami are preparing for their wedding and hoping to start a family.

But as the year unfolds, their plans are tested as Gemma embarks on her fertility journey then is hit by the devastating loss of her mum.

REVEALING . . . Reality star Gemma Collins opens up in documentary



KNOCKOUT . . . Best as boxer Ali in The Greatest

Blue Planet III – BBC One, November

The first ever natural history series to give a comprehensive overview of the world's oceans is back for a third series.

Sir David Attenborough returns to narrate the groundbreaking show, sharing new and untold stories from underwater worlds.

Expect more dramatic and revelatory tales from beneath the waves, focusing on the five major habitats: the Tropical Seas, Temperate Seas, Polar Seas, High Seas and Deep Seas.

In the sixth and final episode of the documentary, scientists share how our seas are changing – both for better and worse.

Rob & Rylan's Greek Odyssey – BBC One, November

Pals Rob Rinder and Rylan Clark embark on a Greek odyssey in an epic third adventure for the BBC, following their tours of Italy and India.

From the Acropolis in Athens to the root of hedonism in Mykonos, they explore what the philosophy, art and culture of ancient Greece can tell us about ourselves.

DRAMA

Kill Jackie – Prime Video, October 2

Catherine Zeta-Jones transforms into a badass killer in this revenge thriller.

She plays Jackie Price, who has been living a luxurious existence for the last 20 years – travelling the world, selling fine art and trying to stay anonymous after years as an international drug smuggler.

That all changes when she discovers that a squad of the world's most terrifying hitmen have been hired to kill her – but only if she doesn't get to them first.

The eight-parter is based on the acclaimed novel, The Price You Pay by Nick Harkaway.

COURTROOM BATTLE . . . Sienna Miller and Dominic West play a divorcing couple in War

War – Sky, October 2

All is not fair in love and war in this high-stakes legal drama with Sienna Miller and Dominic West.

They play British tech entrepreneur Morgan Henderson and international film star Carla Duval – a former couple at loggerheads as their explosive divorce goes through court.

And their tough-talking lawyers from Cathcarts & Sons and Taylor & Byrne will stop at nothing to secure victory for their clients.

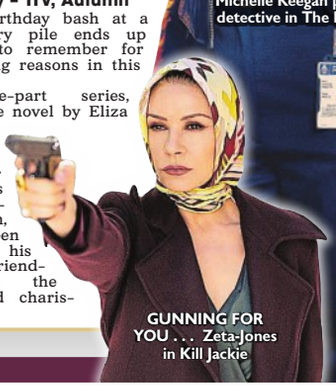
The Party – ITV, Autumn

A lavish birthday bash at a posh country pile ends up being one to remember for all the wrong reasons in this new drama.

The five-part series, based on the novel by Eliza Day, sees Beauty And The Beast star Luke Evans play journalist Martin, who has been shaped by his lifelong friendship with the wealthy and charismatic politician Ben Fitzmaurice, played by The Gold's Tom Cullen.

It flashes back to their time at school, university and partying in London – and the fateful night which threatens both of their futures.

WORTH INVESTIGATING . . . Michelle Keegan plays a detective in The Blame



GUNNING FOR YOU . . . Zeta-Jones in Kill Jackie

The Blame – ITV, Autumn

The line between work and play blurs for detectives Emma Crane and Tom Radley in this gritty thriller.

Michelle Keegan and Douglas Booth play the colleagues, whose murder inquiry soon spirals into a tangled web of lies, institutional cover-ups and moral compromise.

At the same time the police duo are, of course, having a passionate fling.

It's just one of the multiple twists and complications in the dark six-parter, based on the debut novel of the same name by Charlotte Langley.

REALITY

The Real Rooneys – Disney+, September 24

This fly-on-the-wall look at Wayne and Coleen Rooney's home life will show the famous couple as we've never seen them before.

The cameras go behind the scenes of the mansion they share with their four sons at a pivotal point in both their careers.

Wayne lost his job as manager at Plymouth Argyle just as filming started, then Coleen saw her profile soar after appearing on I'm A Celebrity . . . Get Me Out Of Here!

Apocalypse – Channel 4, September 13

A mechanic, a paramedic, a psychologist and an influencer are among 14 ordinary people put to the ultimate test as they are tasked with surviving an apocalypse.

Two unsuspecting groups of strangers are dropped into a real abandoned town, each unaware of the other's existence.

With no electricity, running water or food, the survivors – from both the UK and Australia – must scavenge, recycle, reuse and reinvent anything they can find to get by.

Will primitive instincts or co-operation be the key to survival?

The Wargame – Sky One, September 21

Imagine if former Tory MP Michael Gove, former First Minister of Scotland Nicola Sturgeon and bolshy Anthony Scaramucci, who infamously lasted just ten days as White House communications director, were in charge of defending the UK against a Russian attack.

The wild scenario plays out in this new Sky series, which is set six months in the future.

A gripping simulation sees them sit in a Cobra-style briefing room and deal with the high-stakes developments of such a crisis.

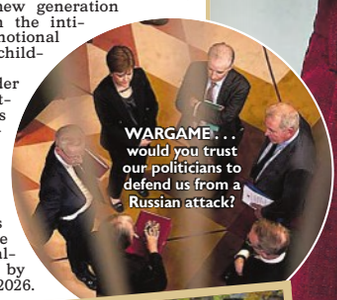
Developed with leading academics, military and defence experts, high-profile politicians Penny Mordaunt, Baroness Harman and Baroness Warsi also feature.

One Born Every Minute – Channel 4, late 2026

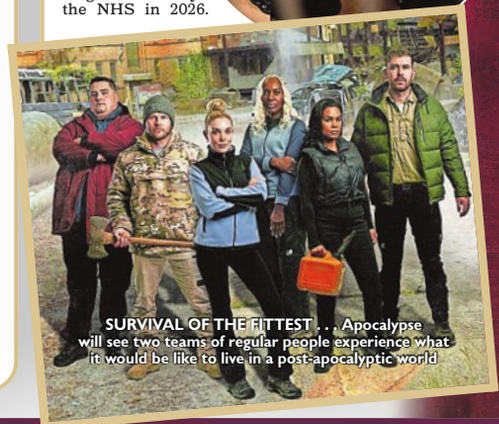
More magical moments and bouncing babies are on the way as this groundbreaking documentary returns to our screens after almost ten years.

The joyous series, which ran for eleven seasons from 2010 to 2018, will take a new generation of viewers on the intimate and emotional journey of childbirth.

Expect tender and unpredictable moments in the 12 episodes, which show fresh stories and advances in maternity care – as well as the real-life challenges faced by the NHS in 2026.



WARGAME . . . would you trust our politicians to defend us from a Russian attack?



SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST . . . Apocalypse will see two teams of regular people experience what it would be like to live in a post-apocalyptic world

THE LINE-UP FOR NEW SEASON TELLY

LOOK ROO'S TALKING . . . reality show will go behind-the-scenes at Wayne and Coleen's family home and explore their celebrity lifestyle

AUTUMN is upon us, which means we need some serious TV to fill our time as the cold nights draw in.

Fortunately, telly chiefs on the main channels – and streamers – have sorted out a packed line-up of shows to see us through the next three months.

TV Reporter JANINE YAQOOB picks the top 20 programmes that are guaranteed to keep us entertained.

The autumn forecast is for a lot of Wayne

RETURNING

Great British Bake Off – Channel 4, late September

Bake Off is about to get a whole lot saucier with the arrival of Nigella Lawson.

The sultry chef, who has been drafted in as Prue Leith's replacement, teams up with Paul Hollywood, who will be back to dish out his famous handshakes to another batch of star bakers.

Alison Hammond and Noel Fielding will once again be on hand to temper the tension in the tent with lots of laughs.

Strictly Come Dancing – BBC One, late September

It's a new-look Strictly this year, with Emma Willis, Josh Widdicombe and Johannes Radebe taking over hosting duties from Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman.

There's also been an overhaul of pro dancers, while the celebrities hoping to impress with their fancy footwork include EastEnders actress Lacey Turner, reality favourite Dani Dyer, Aussie singer Delta Goodrem and celebrity hair stylist Chris Appleton.

Rivals – Disney+, November

More Rivals raunchiness is on its way, promising higher stakes, new romances and the rekindling of old flames.

Part two of the second series, based on Dame Jilly Cooper's raunchy novels, promises to be the naughtiest yet and picks up after the deadly 1987 hurricane.

Rupert Campbell-Black, played by Alex Hassell, returns, as well as Emily Atack's character Sarah Stratton and Taggie O'Hara (Bella Maclean).

One thing is guaranteed – it'll be another bonkbuster.

TENSION . . . in police drama Blue Lights

Blue Lights – BBC One, September

Belfast cop drama Blue Lights kicks off its fourth series with the unexpected return of a show favourite.

Gerry, played by Richard Dormer, rises from the ashes in flashback scenes after his death in series one.

Cops are also called to a migrant centre where far-right groups are converging and ready to attack.

Grace (Sian Brooke), Tommy (Nathan Braniff) and Annie (Katherine Devlin) are among the dedicated cops pushed to their limit as they struggle to keep the peace on the streets.

CHA-CHA-CHANGE . . . Emma Willis is one of the new Strictly hosts

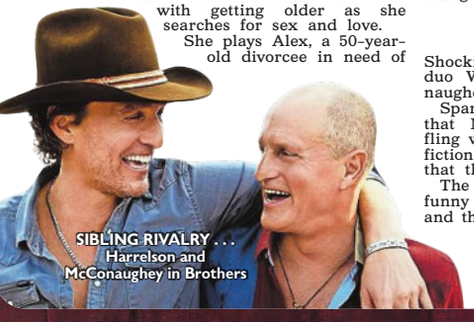
COMEDY

Youth – HBO Max, September 21

Sharon Horgan has a knack of turning life's struggles into comedy gold.

From parenting in Catastrophe to family fights in Bad Sisters, her latest series – which she's written, exec produced and stars in – sees her character battle with getting older as she searches for sex and love.

She plays Alex, a 50-year-old divorcee in need of some attention while juggling caring for her ailing parents and her manchild son.



SIBLING RIVALRY . . . Harrelson and McConaughey in Brothers

Brothers – Apple TV, September 23

Shocking family gossip sees True Detective duo Woody Harrelson and Matthew McConaughey reunite in Brothers.

Sparked by some long-buried information that McConaughey's mum once enjoyed a fling with Harrelson's dad, the pair, who play fictionalised versions of themselves, learn that they are siblings.

The result is a heartfelt, chaotic and wildly funny story about friendship, family, fame and the messy line between myth and reality.

Only Fools and Horses: The Lost Archive – U&Gold, October

Fans of hit comedy Only Fools And Horses are getting a cushty deal with this new two-part series celebrating the show's 45th anniversary.

SCARILY GOOD . . . Last One Laughing will be back for Halloween

CUSHTY . . . fans will love this look back at Only Fools

Transporting us back to Peckham with brothers Derek and Rodney Trotter, it's packed with never-before-seen footage uncovered in the archive.

It's been taken from over ten classic episodes, including fan favourites The Jolly Boys' Outing and Mother Nature's Son. It also features new interviews with stars David Jason and Nicholas Lyndhurst.

Last One Laughing Halloween Special – Prime Video, October 23

This hilarious programme gets a spooktacular line-up for its first Halloween special.

Jack Dee, Daisy May Cooper, Phil Wang, Lou Sanders, Reece Shearsmith, Harriet Dyer and Tom Allen will all be trying their utmost not to let out a chuckle – or a scream – as their funny bones are tested.

Jimmy Carr and Roisin Conaty are back on hosting duties.

Cursed props, ghostly interruptions and spine-tingling surprises have all clearly been designed to catch even the bravest comic off guard.

TV CHEF SHARES QUICK NEW RECIPES

Twenty's plenty time to make a Jamie meal

BRITAIN'S best-loved chef is back with a new cookbook filled with delicious and tasty recipes anyone can whip up in minutes.

EXCLUSIVE by NADIA COHEN

Jamie Oliver's 20 Minute Meals: Real Fast Food is perfect for busy people in need of a little push to get into cooking from scratch on a regular basis.

His colourful new book, which is out on Thursday, includes loads of fun ways to turbo-charge mealtimes, including innovative fresh ways with chicken, next-level eggs and loads of satisfying rice and noodle faves.

Most of the recipes have just ten ingredients or fewer, and there are plenty of shortcuts and hacks to help beat the clock.

Jamie said: "After 25 years, I know you trust me to deliver joyful, super-tasty, easy and exciting, turbo-charged cooking.

"This book is about taking the concept of convenience and putting the control slap bang back into your hands.

"Why 20 minutes? I know it's the habit-forming sweet spot that is both achievable and sustainable.

"And, in a world where we're cooking less than ever, it's so important that we reclaim this essential life skill for ourselves and our children.

"Cooking is truth, especially in this AI-focused era where we no longer know what is real. Being able to feed ourselves, and the ones we love, is a fundamental power."

Here, we share three of Jamie's new recipes for you to try right now.

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Classic carbonara with three twists

Serves four

Energy: 559 calories

YOU NEED:

300g dried spaghetti
100g diced guanciale or pancetta
6 eggs
80g pecorino or Parmesan cheese

Choose a twist:

320g chestnut mushrooms or
320g asparagus or
320g fresh or frozen peas

METHOD: Cook the spaghetti in a pan of boiling salted water according to the packet instructions then drain, reserving a mugful of starchy cooking water.

Put a large non-stick frying pan on a medium heat and fry the guanciale with a big pinch of black pepper for five minutes, or until golden, stirring occasionally.

Separate the eggs (reserve the whites for making meringues). Finely grate the Parmesan over the yolks and whisk together, loosening with a little pasta water.

Add the drained pasta to the pan of guanciale, toss, then remove from the heat to cool slightly for 30 seconds.

Pour in the Parmesan eggs mix and keep everything moving, loosening with splashes of cooking water until you have a shiny, silky sauce – you don't want the pan too hot or the eggs will scramble.

Plate up the pasta, and finish with an extra grating of Parmesan, if you like.

The twists:

You have a choice whether to keep it classic, or add some veg to the party.

Whichever veg you choose, add it to the guanciale once golden, tossing regularly.

If using mushrooms, quarter them and cook for three minutes.

If using asparagus, trim, slice into 3cm lengths and cook for one to two minutes.

Peas can be used from frozen, simply cook for two minutes.

Prawn and mango curry

Serves two

Energy: 561 calories

YOU NEED:

1 red onion
6cm piece of ginger
Half a bunch of coriander (15g)
1 fresh red chilli
150g basmati rice
2 tbsp Kerala-style curry paste
220g ripe mixed-colour cherry tomatoes
50g sachet of creamed coconut
1 small ripe mango
150g cooked peeled coldwater prawns

METHOD: Put a large frying pan on a medium heat with 1 tbsp of olive oil.

Peel, finely chop and add most of the onion, stirring regularly. Peel, finely chop and add the ginger and coriander stalks, reserving the leaves, then finely chop and add most of the chilli.

Cook for five minutes, stirring regularly. Boil the kettle. Put the rice into a small pan on a medium heat with a pinch of sea salt and 300ml of boiling kettle water, then cover and cook for 12 minutes, or until fluffy.

Meanwhile, stir the curry paste into the frying pan, then halve and add most of the tomatoes. Stir in the creamed coconut and add 250ml of boiling kettle water.

Let it tick away while you cut the cheeks off the mango, peel and dice the flesh, and stir most of it into the pan. Simmer for five minutes, adding the prawns for the last two minutes, or until hot through, then season to perfection.

Quarter the remaining tomatoes and mix with the reserved chopped onion, chilli and mango, then toss with a few drips of red wine vinegar. Fluff up the rice and serve with the curry, reserved coriander leaves and mango salad.

Crispy fried eggs and peanut rice

Serves two

Energy: 600 calories

YOU NEED:

6cm piece of ginger
150g basmati rice
20g salted roasted peanuts
100g savoy or white cabbage
3 spring onions
Half a bunch of coriander (15g)
1 lime
4 eggs
2 tbsp hoisin sauce
2 tbsp crunchy peanut & sesame chilli oil

METHOD: Boil the kettle. Roughly peel and finely chop the ginger.

Place a 26cm frying pan on a medium heat, add the rice then stir in the ginger, peanuts and a pinch of sea salt.

Pour in 300ml of boiling kettle water, cover and cook for 12 minutes or until the rice is fluffy with a crispy bottom.

Meanwhile, coarsely grate the cabbage on a box grater and place in a bowl with trimmed and finely sliced spring onions.

Finely slice the coriander stalks and most of the leaves, reserving a few for garnish, add to the bowl, then finely grate in the lime zest. Squeeze in the juice, scrunch, then season to perfection.

Put a small frying pan on a high heat with half a centimetre of olive oil. Once hot, carefully crack in the eggs, angling the pan and spooning over the hot oil as they cook to your liking. Use a slotted spoon to move them to kitchen paper.

Turn out the rice and divide between plates, drizzling the hoisin on top. Divide up the cabbage mixture, then sit the eggs proudly on top.

Drizzle over the crunchy peanut and sesame chilli oil, add the reserved coriander, and serve.

Accused . . . Andrew

New sex charges for Tate brothers

By ED SOUTHGATE

SOCIAL media influencers Andrew and Tristan Tate are facing further trafficking and sex charges in Romania.

The pair made almost £900,000 over nine years by coercing a girl to perform sex acts on video chats, prosecutors claim.

She is said to have been recruited at 15 and forced to perform online from a property in Luton and in Romania.

Andrew, 39, is charged with trafficking minors, money laundering and sexual acts with a minor.

Tristan, 38, is charged with complicity.

Romanian police also requested the confiscation of four of the pair's cars, worth around £710,000.

The Tates are currently in jail in Miami fighting extradition to the UK on separate denied rape and trafficking charges.

Their lawyer, Eugen Constantin Vidineac, said: "Our clients continue to reject the allegations."

Caged . . . Khan

Jailed for helping escaped Iran spy

By MIKE SULLIVAN

AN inmate who helped Iran spy Daniel Khalife after he escaped from prison has been jailed.

Former soldier Khalife, 24, sparked a manhunt in 2023 after getting out of HMP Wandsworth under a catering lorry.

Adeel Khan, 32, worked with Khalife in the jail's kitchen and arranged to get £400 in cash to him after the escape.

Khan was on remand at the time awaiting his extradition to France for people smuggling.

Khalife was captured after three days at large.

Last year he was found guilty of spying for Iran and got 14 years in jail.

Khan, of Waltham Forest, East London was found guilty of assisting an offender in July.

At Snaresbrook crown court yesterday he was jailed for 4½ years.

Judge Murray Shanks said: "Khalife was assisted greatly, no doubt, by the money you organised."

RUSSELL'S AGONY

Comic's 'devastating time' after death of baby son

COMIC Russell Howard yesterday revealed his family's heartache at the death of his baby son.

He said Felix passed away shortly after wife Cerys gave birth earlier this year.

In a statement, Russell said the couple faced "unimaginable heartache" and described it as "the most devastating time of our lives". The comedian, 46, also told how he and Cerys, an NHS doctor, were able to spend "precious hours" with Felix and praised hospital staff.

By HOWELL DAVIES

In a lengthy Instagram post, he wrote: "Earlier this year, our family changed forever when our beautiful baby boy, Felix, died shortly after birth.

"During the most devastating time of our lives, the hospital staff who cared for us showed extraordinary compassion, kindness and humanity. They helped us navigate an unimaginable heartache and gave us support when we needed it most."

Russell said they had the help of a bereavement nurse and that Felix was put in a "cool cot", enabling them to "hold him, talk to him and tell him just how much we loved him". He said: "Those hours are among the most precious memories."

He said the couple, who have another son born in 2024, had promised to "help other families who find themselves facing the same devastating circumstances".

He said they had set up The Felix Foundation to help those affected by miscarriage, stillbirth, premature birth, neonatal death or related bereavement.

Heartbreak . . . Howard

Pool boy heart fail

A BOY of five is critical after almost drowning in his holiday pool.

A doctor and lifeguard pulled the young Brit out of the water at around 12.45pm on Thursday and found that he had gone into cardiac arrest.

Medics restored the lad's pulse and he was airlifted from the unnamed hotel in Playa Blanca, Lanzarote, to a Gran Canaria hospital.

The boy remained in intensive care yesterday.

CHICKEN AND PIPS

Gen Z want more fruit at their favourite fast-food spots and three-quarters would tuck in if it was offered, a poll found.

Wedding splasher

EXCLUSIVE by STEPHEN MOYES

A NEWLYWED couple take the plunge — toppling into a river during a photoshoot.

Jamie and Michelle Wade, both 46, lost their balance while in a canoe on the Bure in Coltishall, Norfolk.

And a guest who tried to help then slipped over and broke their leg.

Healthcare worker Michelle later burnt her toe on fireworks.

She said of their Corfu honeymoon: "I think we should probably take a paramedic."

Lawsuit . . . Morissette

Alanis to sue over 'drug lie'

By SCARLET HOWES

ROCK star Alanis Morissette is suing her ex-tour manager for allegedly trying to blackmail the singer into admitting drug smuggling.

The lawsuit claims that cannabis and tranquillisers were found in Keren Urinov's bag by Border Force officials at a UK airport last year as the group flew to Spain.

She was let go after showing an Israeli medical marijuana licence.

But, according to the lawsuit, Urinov threatened to sue the Jagged Little Pill star unless she took ownership of the drugs.

It also says Canadian Morissette was told she could "put an end to the matter" by keeping Urinov on the payroll for 15 years and paying "massive compensation".

The US lawsuit, demanding £55,000 in damages, states: "Alanis is the victim of a calculated blackmail campaign."

You can't trump it..

IT may sound like a load of old guff, but a hotel's fart retreat aims to help people let rip without any embarrassment.

But anyone who is too smelly may be asked to pop out of the room.

The £1,000 five-day Art of Letting Go includes yoga, acupuncture and all meals at the Fig Tree hotel in Shanklin, Isle of Wight, next month.

Organiser Dr Marion Bevington, who has irritable bowel syndrome, said: "This retreat is an invitation to stop fighting your body and start listening instead."

GLITTER BAWL

Six in ten families row about what to watch on TV – with Strictly among the flashpoints – according to a Toshiba poll.

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Disc 1
1. The Beach Boys - Good Vibrations
2. The Animals - House of the Rising Sun
3. The Righteous Brothers - You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'
4. Dusty Springfield - You Don't Have To Say You Love Me
5. Sandie Shaw - Puppet On A String
6. The Supremes - Baby Love
7. Four Tops - Reach Out I'll Be There
8. The Foundations - Baby Now That I've Found You
9. The Overlanders - Michelle
10. Gerry & The Pacemakers - You'll Never Walk Alone
11. Elvis Presley - It's Now or Never
12. The Everly Brothers - Cathy's Clown
13. Tommy James & The Shondells - Mony Mony
14. Herman's Hermits - I'm into Something Good
15. The Honeycombs - Have I the Right
16. Scott McKenzie - San Francisco (Be Sure to Wear Flowers in Your Hair)
17. The Walker Brothers - The Sun Ain't Gonna Shine Anymore
18. Bobbie Gentry - I'll Never Fall In Love Again
19. Tammy Wynette - Stand By Your Man
20. Pussycat - Mississippi
21. Dawn Feat. Tony Orlando - Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree
22. Peters & Lee - Welcome Home
23. Brian & Michael - Matchstalk Men and Matchstalk Cats and Dogs

Disc 2
1. Blondie - Heart Of Glass
2. The Jam - Going Underground
3. Pretenders - Brass in Pocket
4. The Buggles - Video Killed The Radio Star
5. Althea & Donna - Uptown Top Ranking
6. 10cc - I'm Not In Love
7. Gloria Gaynor - I Will Survive
8. Baccara - Yes Sir, I Can Boogie
9. Boney M. - Brown Girl in the Ring
10. Barry White - You're The First, The Last, My Everything
11. Carl Douglas - Kung Fu Fighting
12. The Real Thing - You to Me Are Everything
13. The Stylistics - Can't Give You Anything (But My Love)
14. The Three Degrees - When Will I See You Again
15. Commodores - Three Times A Lady
16. Bay City Rollers - Bye Bye Baby
17. Mud - Tiger Feet
18. Sweet - Blockbuster
19. David Essex - Hold Me Close
20. Terry Jacks - Seasons in the Sun
21. The New Seekers - I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing (In Perfect Harmony)
22. Harry Nilsson - Without You
23. The Flying Pickets - Only You

Disc 3
1. Duran Duran - The Reflex
2. Soft Cell - Tainted Love
3. The Human League - Don't You Want Me
4. Culture Club - Karma Chameleon
5. Spandau Ballet - True
6. Roxy Music - Jealous Guy
7. Frankie Goes To Hollywood - Relax
8. Dead Or Alive - You Spin Me Round (Like a Record)
9. Adam Ant - Goody Two Shoes
10. Bucks Fizz - Making Your Mind Up
11. Belinda Carlisle - Heaven Is a Place on Earth
12. Bonnie Tyler - Total Eclipse of the Heart
13. The Bangles & Susanna Hoffs - Eternal Flame
14. Chaka Khan - I Feel for You
15. Billy Ocean - When the Going Gts Tough, The Tough Get Going
16. Gabrielle - Dreams
17. UB40 - (I Can't Help) Falling In Love With You
18. Take That - Back for Good
19. Wet Wet Wet - Love Is All Around
20. Whitney Houston - I Will Always Love You

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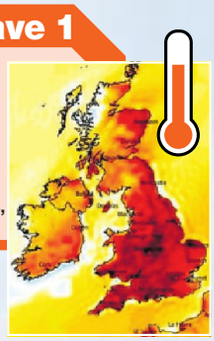
That incredible 2026 s

PHEW! What a summer that was. It was the hottest since records began nearly 150 years ago.
Britain sweltered in SIX heatwaves, millions were hit by h gardens frazzled, wil From a rollercoaste new Prime Minister .

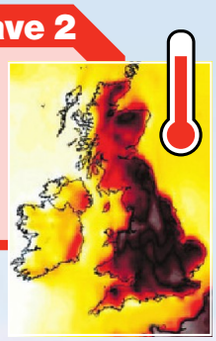
Infograph

6 heatwaves May-August. A heatwave is when temperatures on three consecutive days meet or exceed 25–28 °C, depending on location

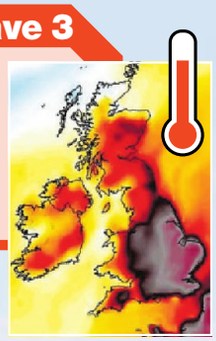
Heatwave 1
22 May to 31 May
35.1°C Kew Gardens, London



Heatwave 2
19 June to 28 June
38°C Lingwood, Norfolk



Heatwave 3
4 July to 26 July
35.5°C Wisley, Surrey



23.5°C hottest night-time temperature in Bute Park, Cardiff, June 24-25

16.6°C mean temperature – hottest summer on record

30% rise in baby hedgehogs taken to RSCPA rescue centres

71.3% of England in drought

40 days when temperature topped 30°C, melting the previous record of 34 days in 1995

HOT IN THE CITY . . . gleaming in the heat, the towers of London's financial district as seen from the parched ground of Greenwich Park on July 25

6.5mm of rain in England in July – the driest on record

1991 the year a reservoir was last built in the UK

59.9% reservoir capacity at the height of the drought – 18.2% below average

30million people hit by a hosepipe ban

2.9billion litres of water lost to leaks EVERY DAY in England and Wales

1,132 wildfires

23,000+ hectares burned

19:00 time on Aug 14 that millions in England and Wales got a wildfires Govt Emergency Alert on mobile devices

1 village, abandoned Nether Hamilton, revealed for the first time since 1976 as Leicestershire's Rutland Water level fell

14.1m road trips when schools broke up in July

44.2m visits forecast to the UK in July

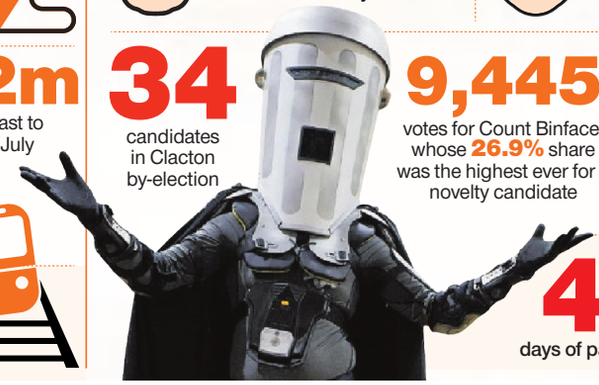
2 train derailments within 24 hours of each other – East Sussex, Aug 13, Essex, Aug 14

96.5% of the sun obscured in Aug 12 eclipse seen from Bishop Rock Lighthouse off the Isles of Scilly

24,927 votes cast for Andy Burnham in Makerfield by-election

1 Prime Ministerial resignation

34 candidates in Clacton by-election



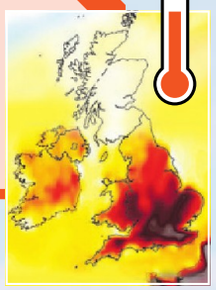
9,445 votes for Count Binface, whose **26.9%** share was the highest ever for a novelty candidate

46 days of parliamentary recess

Heatwave 4

28 July to 30 July

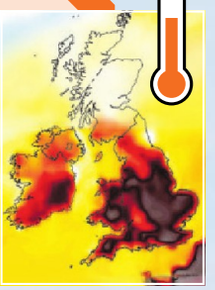
35.2°C Writtle, Essex



Heatwave 5

3 Aug to 5 Aug

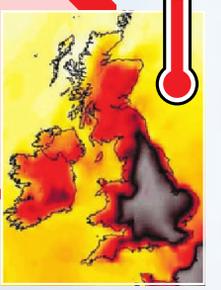
33.5°C Wisley, Surrey



Heatwave 6

9 Aug to 15 Aug

38.1°C Kew Gardens, London



56,000 bottles of champagne popped by racegoers over five days at Royal Ascot

0 Glastonbury Festivals

949 years since the Bayeux Tapestry was last in England

4,458 shows at Edinburgh Festival Fringe

60th year of Notting Hill Carnival

23 weeks at No1 for Rein Me In by Sam Fender and Olivia Dean, beating the previous record by Frankie Laine's I Believe in 1953

16hrs 38mins daylight on the longest day of the year

20,000+ at Stonehenge to watch the 4:52am summer solstice sunrise

564,000 record-breaking 4-day crowd at British Grand Prix, Silverstone

38.4 metric tons of strawberries eaten at Wimbledon

74 nations competing at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games

3min 42.66secs Josh Kerr's time as he broke the 27-year-old world record for the mile

UMMER!

corcher...in numbers

hosepipe bans, dlife suffered. r World Cup to a . . we may have been short on rain, but we certainly weren't short on events. We've crunched all the figures to bring you the summer of 2026 in numbers.

ic by MIKE RUSSELL ● Research by TOM BRYDEN & JON MOORHEAD

£3.5billion spent on transfers by Premier League clubs – a record

44°C 'real feel' temperature for England's 2-1 quarter-final win over Norway in Miami

£125million record-equalling fee paid by Man City for Chelsea's Enzo Fernandez

7 World Cup goals scored by Jude Bellingham

16,021 asylum seekers living in hotels, **down 50%** on 2025

5.89% interest rate on 30-year Government gilts, the highest for 28 years

15.8million peak viewers on BBC who tuned in to the World Cup FInal

237million streams of World Cup games on BBC iPlayer and BBC Sport website and app

20 goals scored by England, beating 2022 record of 13

16,513 small boat arrivals 1st Jan to 1st Sept, **down 43%** on 2025

981,000 young people not in education, employment or training Apr-Jun

£189m earned by Fox Sports from TV ads during hydration breaks

36 years since Scotland's last World Cup win before they beat Haiti 1-0 on June 13 in Boston

230 number of people who fit in a mega dinghy

£400m estimated extra corner shop sales in UK

6million extra pints poured during England's World Cup semi-final defeat to Argentina

6.8million fans went to the matches – a record

Fab DAILY

GET KIDS READ-Y FOR SCHOOL

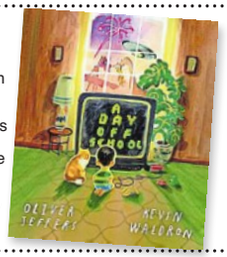
WHETHER starting school or heading into a new year, it is normal for children to feel nervous about what lies ahead. But getting stuck into a good book will help to ease worries. NATASHA HARDING has back-to-school reads to help youngsters of every age start term with a smile . . .

I Am Ready for School! By Camilla Reid (Macmillan Children's Books, £7.99): RESEARCH found that 37 per cent of children starting reception were not equipped with basic skills to make them ready for school.

The author regularly campaigns to raise the importance of early years reading. This lovely picture book explains the school day perfectly and is ideal for children going into reception.

When You Meet My Friend by Mark Sperring (Little Tiger, £8.99): MAKING new friends is a big worry for many kids; a survey found one in 20 don't have close friends.

This sweet rhyming story encourages young readers to look out for each other and to notice if someone is on their own and the easy ways they can be welcoming and inclusive.



A Day Off School by Oliver Jeffers (HarperCollins Children's Books, £14.99): HERBIE has the sniffles and when his mum says he should stay home from school, he can't believe his luck.

He has a lovely time but then worries he's missing something at school. Perhaps there was an extra playtime or a dog on the loose.

Herbie realises that he doesn't want to miss out on the action again. A joyful story that reminds kids school can be fun.

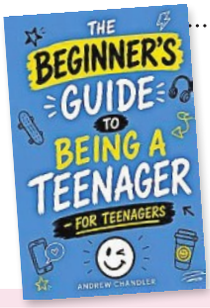
Hanna Asks For Help by Tom Percival (Bloomsbury Children's, £7.99): WHILE Hanna is super sporty and great at football, tennis and cricket, she finds understanding numbers really tricky.

She is sure nobody can help her but she finally finds the courage to ask and, suddenly, everything is clear.

It's an ideal book to share with children who might need to be reminded that it is OK to ask for help.

Cat School: Odd Cat Out by Rose Robbins (Scallyway Press, £8.99): THIS is the school where kittens learn to become confident cats and Tangle and Eno are looking forward to getting going and meeting their peers.

While there they meet Pelly, a neurodivergent kitten. Is it possible that all of the kittens can hang out and learn to understand each other? Of course it is.



The Beginner's Guide To Being A Teenager by Andrew Chandler (Mostly For Kids, £10.99): NAVIGATING school can be one of the hardest things about being a teenager.

This practical guide might offer advice about surviving the ups and downs of this notoriously tricky time. Topics covered include friendships, school, social media, confidence and discovering who you are.

It is full of real-life advice and relatable situations making it ideal for readers aged 11–15 as well as parents and carers.

After she suffered a terrible loss, Katie Gavin thought her dream of having more children was over. Then…

By NADIA COHEN

HOLDING her husband Sean's hand, Katie Gavin wept tears of joy as her twins were delivered by C-section.

But it wasn't Katie who had given birth to her girls – another woman, surrogate Danielle Clements, had brought Farah and Celine into the world.

"We didn't know the sex of the babies before they were born but as they were taken out, a doctor held them up and Danielle said they were girls," says Katie.

"It was amazing. I've never experienced anything like it."

Three years earlier, Katie, from Coulsdon, Surrey, had been left devastated after giving birth to a stillborn baby and being told she would never carry a child again.

The 37-year-old, who is already mum to Jude, five, and Alenna, four, was rushed to hospital in January 2023, when she was 38 weeks' pregnant with her third baby, Drew.

She suffered a placental abruption, where the placenta separates from the uterus before delivery.

Katie says: "It was tragic, because there was absolutely nothing wrong with him. He was a gorgeous boy.

"But they told my family that they couldn't save me, as my life was at risk too, and to say goodbye. I had 21 blood transfusions."

The next thing Katie remembers is waking up in intensive care.

She says: "I knew from the pain that they had taken my uterus. The doctor said, 'I'm so sorry. You'll never carry a child again'."

But, after the heartbroken mum shared her story on a Facebook forum, she struck up an extraordinary friendship with a stranger who would change her life forever.

TWINS PEAK . . . Sean and Katie with newborns after surrogate Danielle gave birth

SPECIAL DELIVERY . . . Danielle with husband Jim, *left*, and Katie with husband Sean, *right*

'It's like something out of a fairytale'

Katie's moving post struck a chord with Danielle, 36, from Southampton, and the pair started messaging in February 2025.

Danielle had joined the group hoping to find a family in need of a surrogate mum.

And she swiftly offered to help singer Katie and Sean, 38.

Danielle, already a full-time mum of five and stepmum of two, says: "I actually offered to carry for Katie and Sean before meeting them. It just felt right."

Katie was thrilled by Danielle's extraordinary offer and the two women arranged to meet for the first time later that month.

And, after four rounds of IVF, Danielle gave birth to their twin girls, Celine and Farah, this May.

The babies weighed in at a healthy 6lb 6oz and 6lb 5oz.

Katie and Danielle, a former social care worker and now a stay-at-home mum, have since forged an unbreakable bond.

"The twins are an absolute miracle," says Katie.

"To go through something like that and have another woman help you in that way is like something out of a fairytale."

Danielle, who had wanted to be a surrogate since she was a teen, adds: "I feel privileged to have been able to do it for the first time. I remember when I was 14 and a friend was worried irregular periods might mean she couldn't have kids, I said I'd do it if I could."

For Katie, meeting Danielle on Facebook was a turning point she couldn't have seen coming.

She says: "I was 33, faced with infertility and I felt suicidal.

"I would have gone to the ends of the earth to have another child, but never thought I'd meet a surrogate." UK law states that whoever gives birth to a child is their legal parent, regardless of genetics.

Intended parents must attend a family court and receive a parental order to gain custody.

It is also illegal to pay a surrogate, although the intended parents can pay reasonable expenses such as maternity clothes, the cost of attending medical appointments and taking time off work.

Katie and Sean reimbursed Danielle for travel expenses and the additional childcare she needed during the pregnancy.

Danielle says: "It was never about the money. I'm sure some people would judge me for it, but all our friends and family were very supportive of my decision.

"I never experienced any negative comments or trolling at all – everyone has been so kind.

"The only comments I ever got were people saying, 'I don't think I could do it,' or 'How was giving away the babies?' and I explained I didn't give them away; I gave them back to their parents.

"I was just growing their seed. As I say, it was their seeds in my garden."

Just under 1,000 children were born in the UK following surrogacy arrangements in 2025 – double the number in 2015, according to new figures from the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority.

But a report by the Law Commission is urging the Government to change the law so there will no longer be a requirement for the surrogate to be listed on the baby's birth certificate.

Currently, the intended parents must apply for a parental order after the birth, which can take months.

Katie could not believe her luck when she met Danielle, who she

SURROGATE DANIELLE SAYS
'I offered to carry for Katie and Sean before meeting them. It just felt right. I feel privileged to do it for the first time'

MUM KATIE SAYS
'I felt suicidal. I'd have gone to the ends of the earth to have another child, but never thought I'd meet a surrogate'

MUMS MET . . . Surrogate Danielle and mum Katie with twin girls Celine and Farah

Picture: TONY KERSHAW/ SWNS

AN AMAZING STRANGER I MET ON FACEBOOK CARRIED TWINS FOR ME

calls "supermum". She says: "I actually reached out to her because I loved her post and her dress and just had a feeling that we would really get on.

"We started chatting from there and got on like we had known each other for years.

"We were getting to know each other for some time before Danielle and her husband decided that we were going to be the lucky family they wanted to help.

"They changed our lives for ever in the best way, with the greatest gift anyone could ever give."

Danielle says she and her maintenance worker husband, Jim, 30, reached the decision together once their own family was complete.

"I was always adamant that when I became a surrogate mother, I wouldn't use my own eggs," she explains.

"I don't think I could be mentally this strong about being a surrogate if they were my eggs. I wouldn't want to put that to the test.

"When Jim and I first met in 2021, I told him that one day I wanted to be a surrogate, so it wasn't a complete shock.

"I can't say he was over the moon about it, but he wanted to be a part of something beautiful and wanted to support me."

'We were all in tears over positive pregnancy test'

Danielle is already mum to Alysia, 19, Riley, 16, Poppy, ten, Arthur, nine and three-year-old Rex.

She says: "We had our fifth child three years ago and my husband had a vasectomy so it seemed like the right time, and that's when I decided to go on the forums.

"When I got chatting to Katie, it immediately felt like talking to a friend." In June 2025, Danielle underwent the first transfer at the Lister Fertility Clinic in London, but the embryo wasn't strong enough.

The medical team realised within a few weeks that it had not worked and tried a second transfer at the same hospital in August.

It was successful – but Danielle miscarried at six weeks.

She says: "This was one thing I definitely underestimated, as it was really hard emotionally telling Katie and Sean I had miscarried, after only telling them a week before that I was pregnant."

But it was third time lucky in September 2025.

Katie says: "Danielle sent me a video of the positive pregnancy test. We were all in tears because it had finally worked."

Katie, Danielle and Sean all attended the pregnancy scans together, introduced their children to each other and spoke every day, sharing videos of the growing bump and chatting about their kids.

The two women met frequently throughout the pregnancy. They would also get their families together for days out and for barbecues and sleepovers.

Katie even gave an emotional speech at her baby shower, thanking Danielle, who was also there.

Attending hospital appointments together caused a few humorous misunderstandings.

"We kept getting looks as if to say, 'Who's Mum?' and my husband kept laughing," says Katie.

"But the Princess Anne Hospital in Southampton was amazing throughout.

"They knew the arrangement – the midwives called me Mum and they made exceptions so we could all be in the delivery suite.

"Danielle would joke, 'It's their seed, my garden'." Now, the two women are closer than ever.

Danielle is godmother to the twins and sees them regularly.

All the other children understand the situation, and the families will explain it to the twins when they are older, too.

The girls are now at home in Surrey and thriving, after just two nights in hospital.

Danielle says: "If I could give someone anywhere hope that there are these groups of lovely people that will actually help, that would be amazing.

"Our family is complete now; we don't want any more children.

"So many people say to me they could never give away their baby, but they're not my babies.

"Mum and Dad had the first cuddle, and I wouldn't change a thing."

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dear deidre

No matter what the issue, I answer every single problem

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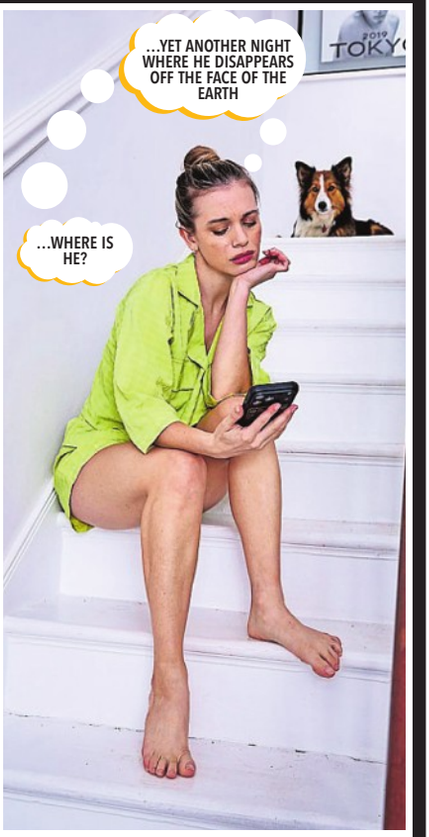
EDDIE'S ENDLESS OPTIONS: **DAY 6**



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CONTINUES TOMORROW

Wife's former fling says our son's his

Dear Deidre

MY cuckold marriage was going great until a man my wife slept with suddenly claimed he is my son's real father.

I had no idea he even knew she'd had a child as they didn't see each other after a casual hook-up.

But now this guy is demanding to see our little boy and I don't know how to protect him.

I'm 39, my wife is 37, and we've been married for eight years. For the past four, we've enjoyed a consensual cuckold-style relationship.

I know some people might judge, but it's worked for us.

We embraced the lifestyle after I caught my wife cheating.

Instead of being upset, I found it thrilling, so I suggested we explore cuckolding together. She would take on lovers and tell me about what they did in bed.

We now have two little boys, aged three and two months.

Tests have shown neither is biologically mine, but that doesn't matter to me. I'm their dad. I change nappies, do the night feeds, read bedtime stories – and they call me Daddy.

Then, a couple of weeks ago, our eldest son's biological father reappeared. He had found out about his son and announced he wants to be part of his life.

We told him categorically no, but he insists he has rights and says if we don't agree to involve him, he'll tell our son that I'm not his real dad.

I'm so anxious I can't sleep. Our boy is too young to understand right now, but what happens when he isn't?

How will I explain that I'm not his dad? Will he feel betrayed by me?

Does this man have parental rights if he isn't named on the birth certificate? Can he force contact or obtain some form of legal recognition?

And if he ever contacts our son directly and deliberately tells him I'm not his father, would that amount to harassment? Surely DNA shouldn't be more important than being the man who brings our boy up.

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: You are your son's dad in all the ways that matter, even if not biologically.**

Try not to panic. This man can't simply turn up and claim your son.

In England and Wales, an unmarried biological father who isn't on the birth certificate doesn't automatically have parental responsibility. The cafcass.gov.uk website explains more about this.

Get legal help before you respond further. Make an appointment with citizensadvice.org.uk.

Keep every message. If he repeatedly contacts or intimidates you, record everything and seek legal advice about harassment.

As for telling your son, get professional guidance about age-appropriate conversations. Contact Family Action (family-action.org.uk, 0808 802 6666) for support.

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Is something troubling you? Our experienced counsellors are here to offer insight and practical help. Email or DM us (details below) or scan this QR code to send a WhatsApp.

Dear Deidre

I AM desperate to get into my wife's knickers – but not when she's wearing them.

If she found out, I know she wouldn't understand. I'm scared she'll leave me.

We're both 40 and happily married, with a good sex life. But lately I've been drawn to her underwear when I find it lying around.

I love picking up her silky drawers and feeling the fabric in my hands.

Now, the urge to try something on is getting stronger by the day.

The problem is, my wife would freak out if she caught me wearing her lingerie.

She would automatically think I was gay, or even that I wanted to change sex, and things would never be the same. I think she could even divorce me.

So I'm tempted instead to buy some female underwear of my own, discreetly, and try it in private.

But I'm wondering if I'm opening a can of worms. Is there something wrong with me? I don't understand why this urge has suddenly become so strong.

If I ignore it, will it go away?

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: There's no harm in cross-dressing, and it doesn't mean you are gay or trans.**

You shouldn't feel embarrassed or ashamed about your urge. It's unlikely it will just go away.

It may have grown stronger because you're stressed, and it feels like a release, but probably has its roots in your childhood.

Please don't secretly take your wife's clothes without her permission. Buy your own, in your own size.

My support pack, Cross-Dressing Support, should help with more information and links to people you can talk to confidentially.

THANK YOU FOR... SHOWING ME LIGHT AT END OF TUNNEL

Dear Deidre

WHEN I first wrote to you, my husband had just been diagnosed with terminal cancer and I was overwhelmed.

We were drowning in debt and I had no idea how we would manage.

My husband is 47, I'm 49, and we have a 14-year-old daughter. He can no longer work and I'm his carer, so I can only manage part-time jobs.

Despite receiving Universal Credit and the higher rate of PIP, we weren't coping financially.

We owed more than £3,000 in council tax, had rent arrears and were being chased by bailiffs. I had barely enough money to buy food.

Your reply helped me see I wasn't completely powerless. You told me to contact the council again, to explain my husband's diagnosis and ask what help or exemptions might be available.

You also pointed me towards Macmillan Cancer Support (0808 808 0000, macmillan.org.uk) and sent me your Solving Debt Problems support pack.

You encouraged me to take things one phone call at a time, rather than trying to solve everything at once.

Most importantly, you made me realise I couldn't afford to be too proud to ask for help.

I'd been in such a state for weeks before I wrote. But afterwards, I didn't feel alone any more. Thank you for giving me advice – and hope – again.

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: You're dealing with so much. I'm glad I could help a little.**

HIS TEXT TO EX MAKES ME FEAR HE STILL WANTS HER

Dear Deidre

FINDING OUT that my partner texted his estranged wife behind my back has sent me into a complete tailspin.

I don't understand why he needs to be in contact with her, and worry he still has romantic feelings for her.

We're both in our late 40s. We've been in a relationship for nine years and he has been separated from his ex for 11 – yet he still refuses to pay for a divorce, saying it's unnecessary.

He insists they're just friends and says there's nothing for me to worry about.

But recently, while I was abroad visiting family, he texted his wife. I found the message when I was looking for a contact number on his phone.

The message wasn't sexual – he had simply asked how she was and what she had been up to.

But what stung was his decision to send it. I can't stop wondering why. What suddenly made him think of her?

If he was lonely, why didn't he message me, his partner? I was thousands of miles away and I would have loved to hear from him. Was he missing her more than he was missing me?

When I confronted him about it, he totally dismissed my feelings.

He said he has always stayed friendly with his exes and I'm being ridiculous. It feels like a betrayal. Am I overreacting?

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: Sending a bland message to his ex doesn't necessarily mean your partner is cheating or still in love with her.**

What's more concerning was his reaction. He dismissed your feelings rather than reassuring you. Add to this the fact he still hasn't divorced her, and it's no wonder you feel insecure.

It's reasonable to wonder why he hasn't made the separation legal.

Perhaps the reason is financial or he just doesn't think it important. But it will have some legal implications for you, such as inheritance.

My support pack, Standing Up For Yourself, should help you talk about this without making him defensive.

TEENAGE TROUBLES

Dear Deidre

IT feels like my brother's girlfriend is trying to push me out of my own family, even though we've never met.

She's been telling awful lies about me, including that I was harassing her on social media.

I'm an 18-year-old girl. My brother is 22, and we haven't spoken for two years.

Now some family members seem to believe his girlfriend's lies. I feel like she's deliberately turned people against me. Why is she doing this?

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: Sadly, it's impossible to say why. It might be connected to your fallout with your brother.**

Don't contact her and keep screenshots of anything she says about you online.

Tell your family again that none of this is true, and how upset you are. Get support from themix.org.uk which provides free counselling and advice for under-25s.

hot topic

A BIG age difference doesn't have to stand in the way of a happy relationship, but it can sometimes bring its own challenges.

You may find that you have different interests, lifestyles, or ideas about the future, while comments from friends and family can leave you questioning whether the gap really matters.

If you're finding it tricky to manage the difference, my support pack, Age Gaps – Do They Matter?, can help.

get in touch

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

EASY

8	9	7	3	5	1	4	2	6
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TEASER

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TOUGHIE

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8	3	7	5	9	6	1	2	4
2	4	5	1	7	8	3	6	9

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SUNDIAL

See how many words of four or more letters you can "dial" using the one at the centre in each word.

You can make at least one word using all of them.

Don't use the letters more than once in any word.

No proper names or plurals ending in 's'. Words from Collins Concise Dictionary.

BRILLIANT: **34**
EXCELLENT: **29** GOOD: **21**
GREAT SCORE FOR KIDS: **16**

YESTERDAY: Anger, earn, engage, enrage, erne, gang, ganger, gean, gene, genre, gran, grange, green, near, rang, range, renege, renga, GREENGAGE.

Check today's answers by calling 0905 757 0155 before midnight. Calls cost £1 per minute plus your phone company's network access charge.

WIN! £50 WORDSEARCH

Listed below are 16 areas of a school, but which one isn't in the grid?

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ART ROOM
CANTEEN
CLASSROOM
CORRIDOR
FIELD
GARDEN
GYM
HALL
IT SUITE
KITCHEN
LIBRARY
MUSIC ROOM
OFFICE
PLAYGROUND
RECEPTION
SCIENCE LAB

How to enter for a chance at the £50 prize: See puzzle page 3

MINDBENDER

The following twelve pairs of letters can be put before and after the letters "SS" to form six six-letter words:

ED	IL	PO	EL	MU	UE
EE	LE	TI	FO	PA	UM

Can you work out what the six words are? Answer tomorrow.

PATHFINDER

Beginning with the letter P in the shaded square below, follow a continuous path through the grid to find 18 words to do with nurseries. The trail passes through each and every letter once, and may twist up, down or sideways, but never diagonally.

E	S	N	L	O	C	E	R	K	L	I	
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BOOKS
COLLAGE
CRAYON
CUTTING OUT
DRESSING UP
FLASHCARD
GAME
LUNCH
MILK
MUSIC
PAINT
PARENT
PICTURE
PIPE CLEANER
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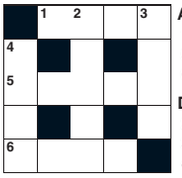
STICKING
TOYS
TRAIN SET

ANAGRAM

Correctly solve the anagrams (there may be more than one option) to fill in the grid and complete the crossword.



ACROSS
1 CHAR
5 LOIRE
6 KILN

DOWN
2 NIGER
3 LATH
4 LOTI

Calls for extra clues and answers last no longer than two minutes (Sundial answers may vary). Helpline: 0333 202 3390 (9am-5.30pm). Service provider: Spoke, W1T 4HD

the BIG quizword

ACROSS

1 British fashion designer who became a dame in 2014 (6,6)
8 Vic Reeves' real surname (4)
12 Young upper-class man (6,5)
13 Falls on the Canada/US border (7)
14 Part of the stamen that contains pollen (6)
15 German WWII submarine (1-4)
16 First name of French painter Delacroix (6)
20 Italian grape variety (9)
22 Extra-sensory perception between two minds (9)
23 First name of actress Ms Paltrow (7)
25 First name of 1950s actress Ms Ekberg (5)
26 US high-school musical series (4)
29 Newcastle's river (4)
30 Sign between Virgo and Scorpio (5)
31 Fallen angel (7)
35 Paintable wallcovering with a raised design (9)
36 Body of water between Australia and New Zealand (6,3)
38 1972 Michael Caine film (6)
39 Canadian film actor Mr Reeves (5)
40 Person from Tripoli (6)
44 Sailing ship such as the Cutty Sark (7)
46 Host of the panel game Mock The Week (4,1,6)
47 Surname of British artist Tracey (4)
48 Common name of the flageolet wind instrument (5,7)

DOWN

2 One of Christ's twelve followers (7)
3 British naval explorer (5)
4 Wimbledon men's champion of 1975 (4)
5 Manual (8)
6 Gin or vodka-based cocktail (3,7)
7 Major electronics company based in Tokyo (4)
8 Latin phrase admitting your fault (3,5)
9 Tax-free investment scheme (inits)(3)
10 Italian red wine produced in the region of Tuscany (7)
11 Literary figure who marries Mr Rochester (4,4)
17 Singer of American Boy (7)
18 Wife of Socrates (9)
19 German sausage like a black pudding (9)
21 1949-90 West German capital (4)
24 Oxfordshire market town (7)
27 Biblical final battle (10)
28 Saxophone-playing Simpson (4)
29 Straight line through an object where measurements are taken (8)
32 Rotation in a horizontal plane about a vertical axis (4,4)
33 TV puppet show with Troy Tempest (8)
34 Surname of US sister actresses Elle and Dakota (7)
37 Bond film for which Adele sang the theme song (7)
41 First name of Luther star Mr Elba (5)
42 Barnaby's raven in Barnaby Rudge (4)
43 First name of US actor Mr Hartnett (4)
45 Top computer company (inits)(3)

ANSWERS TOMORROW

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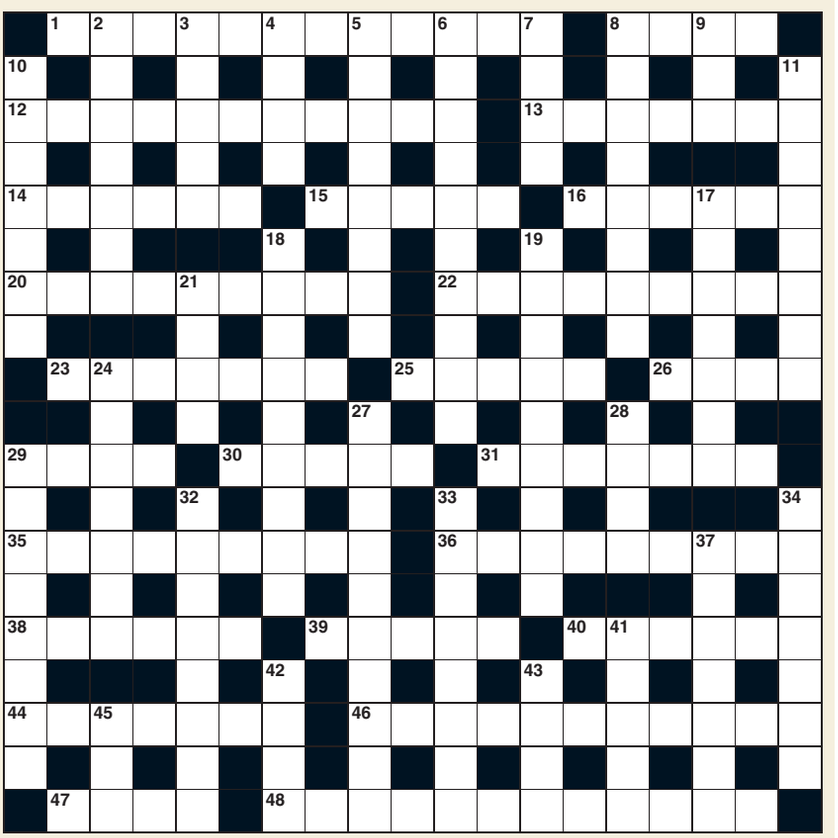

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crossword

WIN! £100

Complete the clues below and rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to spell out the name of a comedian and radio presenter (5,6).

ACROSS

1 ___ Norris, British racing driver (5)
6 A ___ Of Substance, novel adapted by Channel 4 this year (5)
7 Singer who represented the UK at the Eurovision Song Contest in 1993 (5)
9 Heroine of South Pacific (6)
11 ___ Park, creator of Wallace and Gromit (4)
12 The ___ Touch, 1980s police series (6)
15 Host of eponymous TV show Drag Race (6)
17 ___ X, old pop group formed on a reality TV show (7)
18 ___ Croft, 2023 Strictly contestant (7)
21 Teenage Sex And Death At Camp ___, Gillian Anderson horror movie (6)
23 TV style guru (3,3)
26 Annie ___, Diane Keaton film (4)
27 Emmerdale family (6)
29 ___ Kensit, TV actress (5)
30 The ___ Whisperer, 1998 Robert Redford film (5)
31 David ___, British star of The Pink Panther (5)

DOWN

1 Detective/comedy series starring David Mitchell (6)
2 ___ Wilson, Ben Stiller's Zoolander co-star (4)
3 Bob Marley's backing group (7)
4 Actress who voices Jessie in the Toy Story movies (4,6)
5 Atticus ___, Gregory Peck's role in To Kill A Mockingbird (5)
8 Surname of Martin, Roman and Gary (4)
10 Surname of 1970s tennis champion Chris (5)
13 Forename of comics Morecambe and Sykes (4)
14 BBC One musical game show (3,3,4)
16 Brenda Blethyn crime series (4)
19 Name of actors Havers, Hawthorne and Planer (5)
20 Mathew ___, Ghosts star (7)
22 Smooth Operator singer (4)
24 ___ Muntz, bully in The Simpsons (6)
25 ___ Millican, Geordie comedian (5)
28 Mark ___, actor who played Alan Bradley in Coronation Street (4)

SUNRISER

Place these words in the horizontal rows so that the letters in the diagonal staircase spell out another famous James.

ARGENT
ARTHUR
CORDEN
GARNER
MASON
MCAVOY
NORTON

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Each cell in an outlined block must contain a digit: a two-cell block contains the digits 1 and 2, a three-cell block contains the digits 1, 2 and 3, and so on. The same digit must not appear in neighbouring cells, not even diagonally.

BRICKWORK

Answer each clue so that every entry contains the same letters as the previous entry, plus or minus one.

1 Get a message (to) (4,4)
2 Marvels (7)
3 Degenerate (6)
4 Bound by oath (5)
5 ___ up, admits (4)
6 Male offspring (3)
7 Facial feature (4)
8 Was bright (5)
9 Trustworthy (6)
10 Large wasps (7)
11 Lower (hemisphere) (8)

THE NAME GAME

EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify an actress:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

7 & 8	Actress who Killed Bill
4 & 5	Mike, TV impressionist of the 70s noted for his takes on Harold Wilson and Eddie Waring (first and last letters of name)
6 & 3	Mr Mandelson, politician who gained the nickname "the Prince of Darkness" (second and fourth letters of name)
2 & 1	The two-letter surname of Mehmet, American-Turkish presenter/surgeon who failed to become a US Senator in 2022
9 & 10	First non-celebrity to win Celebrity Big Brother

Yesterday: Footballer PHIL FODEN (Dominic (Fike), (Arthur) Fery, Nick Leeson, Peter (Serafinowicz), Damien Hirst). Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.

If you can't wait until tomorrow for the answers, call 0901 293 6298. Calls cost £1 plus your phone company's network access charge.

BRAINBOX

It certainly proved to be a chaotic first week back at school for the boys, with each of them leaving something important at home on a different day. Sam, the oldest, forgot his PE kit the day before the year 7 forgot his pencil case; one of these happened on Thursday. Jake wasn't the lad who slipped up on Wednesday, nor the year 8 who forgot his lunch. If the first boy to blunder, which wasn't George, was a year older than the last, can you work out who forgot what on which day?

Solution tomorrow.

2-speed crossword

coffee time

...two sets of clues but the answers are the same

ACROSS

1 Title of Russian emperor (4)
4 Amount of precipitation in a blizzard, perhaps (8)
8 Relax (6)
9 Bishop's official residence (6)
10 Electric tool for cutting grass (8)
12 Filament growing from skin (4)
13 Moving quickly (6)
15 Citrus fruit (6)
17 Issue (4)
19 Treeless area in a forest (8)
21 Fruit which grows in hanging bunches (6)
22 Instrument producing a flashing light (6)
23 Aroused the feelings of (6,2)
24 Response to an accusation in court (4)

DOWN

2 Yell (5)
3 Composer of The Barber Of Seville (7)
4 Male offspring (3)
5 Intentionally (2,7)
6 Foul dirt (5)
7 Deficient (7)
11 Item waved when performing a conjuring trick (5,4)
14 Pain in the lower back (7)
16 Delivery of supplies to a remote region (3-4)
18 Trail (5)
20 Person of high social rank (5)
22 Small amount of drink (3)

cryptic clues

ACROSS

1 Drastic revolutionary protecting leader (4)
4 Precipitation of flakes, ultimately, present by autumn (8)
8 Dispatch shortly after John is free (6)
9 King's home town perhaps visited by American (6)
10 Gardening equipment, spades, relatively well-kept (8)
12 Locks in hard character (4)
13 Female committing perjury, perhaps, travelling on aeroplane (6)
15 Oscar called Earl to provide colour (6)
17 Send out part of problem I tackled (4)
19 Sympathetic about the French system for filling University places (8)
21 Cuban analyst hides fruit (6)
22 Light gown on street (6)
23 Agitated, have a job with English political party in Northern Ireland (6,2)
24 Quietly field request (4)

DOWN

2 Cry "Be quiet!" in the open air (5)
3 Composer annoyed, scratching head, in Italy (7)
4 Very new child (3)
5 Post office stops running finances deliberately (2,7)
6 Lift broken; husband provides obscenity (5)
7 American city leader claiming bit of culture is missing (7)
11 Staff used to announce tricks? (5,4)
14 Left University with business degree, vitality, and back problem (7)
16 Doctor stopping broadcast work for food delivery (3-4)
18 Follow barrow going north with Kelvin (5)
20 Honourable umpire at last following no ball regularly (5)
22 In small quantities, take in second half of tittle-tattle (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Overs-tep, 6 Das-h, 8 Con-dense, 9 Chap, 10 Fare (fair), 11 P(l)astic-he, 13 Reason, 15 One-dg-e, 17 Elect-ron, 19 Car-d, 20 Ante, 21 Harridan, 22 Me-ss, 23 Spl-inter.
DOWN: 2 Viola-te, 3 (F)ridge, 4 Tin opener, 5 P-i-e, 6 Decline, 7 St-ash, 12 Scoundrel, 14 Suc-c-ess, 16 Gar-b-age, 18 Lan-c-e, 19 C-air-n, 21 Has(h).

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INITIALS

If SD is Seven Dials, what are these other Agatha Christie films and TV dramas?

1. MOTOE
2. AHIV
3. WDTAE
4. DOTN
5. TZ
6. EUTS

UNSCRAMBLE

Unscramble these anagrams to spell out six ABBA songs.

1. AKA LENIENT WHITTLERS
2. FEET ANTHEM HOMAGE
3. GNOME INK WOWING YUKON
4. ALLAY UNLOVELY ROMEO
5. MEAN ACETONE HACK
6. PORE RUPTURES

MINI CODE

Ten letters have been given a number from 1 to 10. Break the code to complete the crossword.

A D E L N O P R S T

WORD WORKOUT

The world's best brain-teaser – The Sun's clueless crossword. Each grid number in our Word Workout game represents a letter. So if you think 3 is the letter E, write E in all the squares with a 3. The whole alphabet is used and we have supplied some letters to start you off. Answers tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION:
ACROSS: Gloss, Aback, Rug, Unhappy, Anon, Toga, Tie, Oval, View, Affixed, Lee, Aired, Depot.
DOWN: Girl, Organza, Squint, Ache, Amp, Keypad, Overlap, Sonata, Evaded, Axed, Jest, For.

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

PIECEWORD

With the help of the Across clues only, can you fit the pieces into their correct positions in the grid? See next page for solution.

ACROSS

1 Level-headedness
3 Lead weight • Outcast
5 Thick slice • Handy
6 Rocky height • Ready to pick
7 Bacon skin • Race (an engine)
8 Dinner course • Frostily
10 Eye membrane • Drying frame
12 Act of removing a monarch

CASH TO BE WON!

ARROWORD

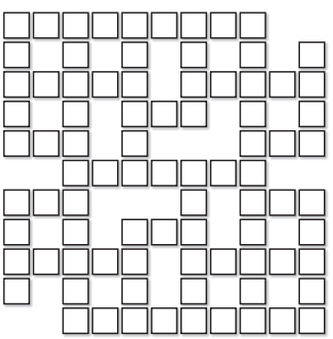
WIN! £50

Complete the puzzle and rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to spell out a presenter (7,6).

	Globe, sphere		Banned	English Romantic poet	Surname of the pictured singer
Christmas-card bird					
Purchase					Complete policy change (1-4)
To the point	Gardening basket				
	Reluctant				
Smartphone facility	Make repairs to (5,2)	Golf expert	Snack food item		
			Ill-tempered	Increases	Bedecks		Guarantee
Curve				Runner, broad, kidney etc			
Hill, rocky peak				Weird		Mellows	
Narrow		Bother			Rowing blade		
				Gush			
Agile		Equipment			Goal mesh		
				Cheeky, bold			

KRISS KROSS

Fit the words into the grid.



3 letters
DAB
GEE
HUE
IRE
PIT
WEB

4 letters
ACHE
PAGE
PARE
WEAN

5 letters
BALSA
BRASS
GLOVE
HYENA
MUNCH
NANNY

6 letters
GOBBLE
OXYGEN

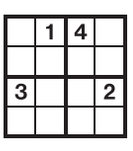
7 letters
NONAGON

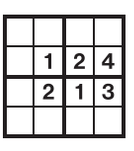
9 letters
MUSCOVADO
SENSELESS

11 letters
OVERINDULGE
SENTENTIOUS

MINIDOKU

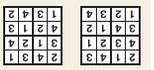
Using only the numbers 1-4, fill the empty spaces so every row, column and smaller 2x2 grid contains the numbers 1 to 4.



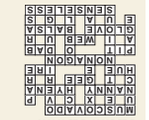


Solutions

Minidoku



Kriss Kross



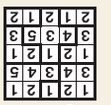
Pieceword

Mini Codе

Brickwork
1 Send word
2 Wonders 3 Worsen
4 Sworn 5 Owns
6 Son 7 Nose 8 Shone
9 Honest 10 Hornets
11 Southern

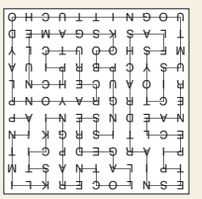
Unscramble
1. The Winner Takes It All
2. The Name Of The Game
3. Knowing Me Knowing You
4. Lay All Your Love On Me
5. Take A Chance On Me
6. Super Trouper

Sqgurn



Initials
1. Murder On The Orient Express
2. A Haunting In Venice
3. Why Didn't They Ask Evans?
4. Death On The Nile
5. Towards Zero
6. Evil Under The Sun

Pathfinder



Sunrise
Argent, Corden, McAvoy, Mason, Norton, Gamer, Arthur – spelling ACASTER.

Anagram
ACROSS: 1 Arch 5 Oriel 6 Link
DOWN: 2 Reign 3 Halt 4 Toil

Sekiya
PAGE 2
Top line 124
Middle 536
Bottom 798

TV Mag solutions

Sudoku

3	2	4	6	1	5	
1	6	5	4	3	2	
2	5	3	1	4	6	
6	4	1	5	2	3	
5	1	2	3	6	4	
4	3	6	2	5	1	

Letter Box

A	L	A	S		
R	E	N	T		
M	A	T	E		
S	K	I	M		

Word Ladder
TURN, BURN, BARN, BARK, BACK.

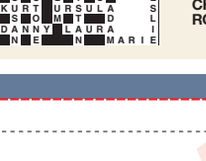
Add It Up
89

Set Square

Futoshiki

Sakuro
218
539
746

Prize solutions



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with MAGGIE HYDE

ARIES March 21 – April 20

If you are in a relationship, make time for your other half. It is good to talk if you have a sense that the one you love is pulling away. If you are single, be wary of falling into victim mode and steer clear of the drink. Spending time at home is comforting up to a point but you need something else to look forward to.

TAURUS April 21 – May 21

It is worth taking on an extra work shift if it pays well. When you're around the right people, time flies. A job is rarely a chore when the company is top-notch. Make sure you have got someone to talk to this evening who listens well. It may not be a cue for a wild night out but a problem shared is a problem halved.

GEMINI May 22 – June 21

It is a gorgeous day for a hot date with the person you are falling in love with. A relationship may take its time to flourish but enjoy the process. Turn your attention to your home later on. A major declutter could not only make you money at a car boot sale or online marketplace, it could help clear your head, too.

CANCER June 22 – July 22

A slow start to the weekend is the perfect antidote if work has been crazy of late. Savour simple pleasures. That morning cup of tea is often the best. The moon's move into your star sign this afternoon is your cue to do whatever you choose. This is even more important if your default mode is helping others.

LEO July 23 – August 23

If you have got a favourite relative, catch up with them and they are bound to put a smile on your face. Get out and about early and you won't feel as if you have wasted the weekend. You can happily crash later on with a cosy night in at home. Watching a horror movie could lead to bad dreams so don't go there!

VIRGO August 24 – September 22

A savvy friend is worth reaching out to if you are looking for a part-time money earner. She may have an idea that is perfect for you. Treat yourself if something beautiful catches your eye when you're out shopping. Single? If they have got good looks and money, it is a no-brainer right now!

LIBRA September 23 – October 23

Learning to love yourself is life's greatest gift. Harsh truths may not have been easy to take but today's events could help you realise you're back on track. Doing what you love and being around people who lift your spirits is precious. Step out of your comfort zone and try a new activity. Your ambition will kick in.

SCORPIO October 24 – November 22

Keeping your feelings to yourself may seem like the right thing to do but, be honest, is it because you fear rejection? It can feel safer to say nothing rather than declare your heart. A last-minute trip is worth the effort. It may seem like a long way to see someone you care about but the rewards will be worth it.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 – December 21

Everyone needs a friend to talk to and yours could come up trumps today. Sharing gossip is the best experience. Sprinkle some lightness into your life – but later on, you can't avoid a recurring financial issue. A child or lover's ongoing bad behaviour is frustrating but do your best to be kind and caring.

CAPRICORN December 22 – January 20

Your surroundings matter to you and it is worth investing in them. Whether it is working on a communal garden or a spring clean, brighten things up and you brighten your outlook, too. If you've got a crush on someone you work with, send them a text. It may take a while for love to grow but why not plant the seed?

AQUARIUS January 21 – February 18

It is a stellar day for romance so dare to step up and leap in. Show that you're keen, whether you're impressing someone new or reviving affections. New love is linked to foreign connections. A night in may be the cheap option but avoid being alone and share any worries with someone who understands you.

PISCES February 19 – March 20

If you are a parent, you are likely to want the best for your kids. Today could bring good news whether it is a new job or a new relationship. Either possibility is likely to be a step in the right direction financially. Your inner romantic could come out to play later on. Put any money worries to one side and say yes to love.

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Sun money

HARV TOLL

THE billionaire former owner of **HARVEY NICHOLS** was owed almost £105million when the department store collapsed into administration.

But Sir Dickson Poon has been warned he may recover little or none of his cash. Fashion designer Victoria Beckham is owed £353,349, with several other brands also facing losses.

Unsecured creditors are owed about £270.5million. Mike Ashley's **FRASERS GROUP** bought Harvey Nichols for £43.3million in a rescue deal last month.

DOWN BEER

ADNAMS is cutting jobs and costs after weak beer sales left the historic brewer nursing another hefty loss.

The Suffolk firm, known for Ghost Ship ale, blamed squeezed household budgets and subdued trading for a disappointing first half of the year.

Turnover fell 9 per cent to £27.4million and pre-tax losses narrowed to £1.4million.

However, sales at its managed pubs rose 3.3 per cent in July, helped by warm weather and World Cup demand.

CAMPAIGN SEEKING MIS-SELLING COMPO

MILLIONS of motorists due compensation for mis-sold car loans could end up being short-changed.

Campaign group Consumer Voice is challenging the Financial Conduct Authority's £9.1billion compensation plan, claiming regulators put lenders' costs ahead of protecting drivers.

Around 12.1million car finance agreements taken out between 2007 and 2024 are eligible for compensation, with payouts averaging £829.

The FCA has proposed paying compensatory interest at three per cent, based on the Bank of England's average base rate plus one percentage point.

But Consumer Voice, represented by solicitors Courmacs Legal, says this will not cover borrowers' losses.

The FCA is also facing legal challenges from three firms and has suspended its compensation scheme.

If it is upheld and not appealed, the regulator expects payments to begin in 2027.

The FCA said: "Our scheme is the quickest, fairest and most efficient way to put £7.5billion back in consumers' pockets."

JAMES FLANDERS

CAR GIANT JOBS MISERY

THAT'S ALL VOLKS: 50K MORE AXED

VOLKSWAGEN bosses plan to axe another 50,000 jobs as part of a sweeping cost-cutting plan.

money daily

By JAMES FLANDERS
Business Affairs Editor

The move brings total losses at the German carmaker to 100,000 by 2030.

Production will end at four factories by 2034, though alternative uses will be considered.

VW, facing US tariffs plus competition from China, plans to reduce its models by 50 per cent.

And there will be 75 per cent fewer options – such as engine size, trims and other extras – among the models that survive.

The VW board said the changes would lead to an "adjustment of the employee numbers of around 50,000 positions" including management jobs.

Chair Hans Dieter Pötsch said transformation is being driven forward "with full force".

Chief exec Oliver Blume added that the move is "a strong signal for the future" of the business. He said: "We are taking responsibility for our entire workforce, our partners and for industrial jobs worldwide.

"Over the coming years, we will invest a three-figure billion sum to make our iconic brands even more attractive, stronger and more competitive."

Less on line . . . VW models cut

AS EXPERTS PREDICT

ANDREW THIRKILL felt a wave of relief as he checked his mortgage balance – finally ZERO.

By making his final payment in April 2024, Andrew, 63, halved his monthly outgoings and will work more flexibly as he nears retirement.

"I feel elated," said Andrew, from Bradford, owner of a business administration support firm. "Now that I've paid off my mortgage, that worry is gone."

It is everyone's dream but may feel hard as the cost of living bite.

You don't need bags of cash to become mortgage-free faster, though. ***ADELE COOKE****'s tricks can save you thousands and you only need £25 a month.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH MORTGAGES?

MORTGAGE costs could soon soar for millions, as government borrowing costs have jumped to their highest level in 28 years.

The yield, in effect interest, on 30-year government gilts is now 5.88 per cent.

Gilts are a loan the government borrows from investors and must repay with interest. They affect mortgages, as they are used by lenders to price fixed rate deals.

Comparison site Moneyfacts has predicted that two-year fixed rates could climb from 5.59 per cent to around 5.84 per cent.

With a 5.59 per cent rate a £200,000 loan with 25-year term means monthly payments of £1,239. At 5.84 per cent, monthly payments would be £1,269 – £30 a month, or £360 a year more.

SAVE £8,339 BY SPENDING £25 EXTRA EACH MONTH

ONE of the quickest ways to be mortgage-free is to make overpayments on your mortgage.

David Hollingworth, of L&C Mortgages said: "Even small overpayments add up over time."

If you overpaid your £200,000 mortgage by £25 a month – the price of a Friday night takeaway – you could save £8,339 in interest and repay your deal a year early.

Check lender rules. Most let you overpay your balance by ten per cent a year, but NatWest and the Royal Bank of Scotland allow 20 per cent. But if you exceed this you face an early repayment charge, which can be up to five per cent of your remaining loan.

CHECK BANKING APP FOR ROUND-UP FEATURE

EVERY time you make a purchase, your bank will round up your spending, and move the change to a savings account. You can then use these savings to make overpayments. Moneybox offers this, and says customers save on average £12.37 a week.

ELATED . . . Andrew Thirkill

HANDY APPS TO DOWNLOAD

THESE can help you save. For example, Sprive allows you to earn cashback on purchases, which you can then send directly to your mortgage lender as overpayments. The average user in London overpaid their mortgage by £61 a month, which would save them £12,660 in interest and cut 18 months off a typical 25-year mortgage term.

SHORTEN MORTGAGE TERM TO SAVE £105,000

REDUCING the time you take to repay your loan means monthly payments rise – but you save on interest in the long term and clear your debt faster.

Repayments on a £200,000 mortgage over 40 years – with an interest rate of 4.75 per cent – would be £932 a month. Cutting the term to 25 years would see monthly repayments rise to £1,140,

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Barratt Redrow	304½	-	1 ¾
Bco Santander SA	1106	+	2
Brit Amer Tobacco	4127	-	27
British Land	419¼	+	4 ¾
Bunzl	2650	-	22
Burberry Group	1108½	+	11 ½
Compass	2280½	-	2
Currys*	154½	+	2
Diageo	1670	+	3 ½
Drax Group	793	+	20
Experian	2813	-	130
FirstGroup	177¼	-	0 ¾
Frasers Group	795	+	3 ½
GSK*	1844	-	22 ½
Greggs	1873	+	18
HSBC*	1578¾	+	15 ¼
IMI*	3050	+	20
ITV	70¾	-	0 ½
Imperial Brands*	2496½	-	21 ½
InterCont'l Hotels*	11839	+	78 ¼
Intl Consol. Airlines	430¼	+	3 ¾
Johnson Matthey	2288	+	30
Kingfisher	305¾	+	8 ¼
Legal&General*	295	+	2 ½
Lloyds Banking Gp*	112	-	0 ¼
LSE Grp*	8798	-	100
Man Group*	306½	-	0 ¼
Marks & Spencer	388	+	1 ½
Mitch & Butlers	278½	+	2 ½
Mitie Group	210	-	0 ¾
Mobico Group	23¾	+	0 ½
Mothercare	0¾	-	
NatWest Group*	700¾	+	3 ¼
National Grid	1153½	+	7 ½
News Corp A	2258¼	-	25 ¾
News Corp B	2518¼	-	41
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Prudential	1018½	-	20
Rank Group	102½	+	0 ¼
Reckitt Benckiser*	5112	+	32
Rentokil*	349½	-	1 ½
Rightmove	494½	-	8 ¼
Rio Tinto Ltd*	9375	-	48 ½
Rolls-Royce*	1489¼	+	9 ¼
SSE*	2404	+	29
Sainsbury's	340	+	3 ½
Segro*	949¼	+	5 ¼
Severn Trent	2990	+	2
Shell*	3434	+	2 ½
Smith&New	1065½	+	13 ½
Smiths News	70	+	0 ¼
Standard Chart'd*	2239	+	9
Tesco	474¼	+	5 ¾
The Sage Grp	1056½	-	13 ½
Unilever*	4763¼	+	30 ¾
United Utilities	1355	-	6
Vanquis Banking Gp	84	+	1 ¼
Vesuvius*	378½	+	4 ¾
Vodafone	125¼	+	3
WH Smith	384¼	+	1 ¼

* = ex dividend

IT'S FULL STEAM AHEAD

THE North East will get hundreds of skilled jobs to build steam turbines for ROLLS-ROYCE'S mini-nuclear reactors.

SIEMENS ENERGY will invest tens of millions in its Newcastle plant, creating 550 jobs.

The three electricity-generating modular reactors are planned for Anglesey. The return of large-scale turbine manufacturing to the UK after over 20 years follows fears key parts would be made abroad.

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money talks

By Adele Cooke

STUDENT LOANS

AS my student loan hit my first bank account in 2016, I remember feeling so excited.

If only I'd known then just how much of a debt it would snowball into.

I was to repay at £30 a month, with no need to make payments for ages.

Ten years later I pay £129 a month and I owe £52,427 – £14,000 more than I took out in 2016. It's scandalous.

I'm set to repay around £65,000 in total. That's £26,482 more than I took out – it's a house deposit gone!

I'm one of five million on a Plan 2 agreement, which was for students who started their course between 2012 and 2023. Once our salary hits £29,385, nine per cent is taken at source to go towards paying off the loan.

But the repayment threshold has been frozen at £29,385 from 2027-2030, so it won't rise with inflation. Stu-

on Saturday

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SUPER SEPTEMBER DEALS ON MOTORS

LOOKING to upgrade to a fresh set of wheels?

If you want a bargain, September can be the cheapest time to buy a new car.

This is because new 76 number plates launched this week, so dealers will be keen to get rid of cars that are older.

Richard Evans, head of technical services at webuyanycar, says this can be a "great opportunity for car buyers" as those who aren't bothered about having a new motor have more room to negotiate.

He said: "The biggest saving may come from how you approach the deal, rather than simply waiting for a dealership to discount its cars."

Autotrader data shows that discounts on new cars have increased in recent weeks ahead of the new plates. But be sure to compare multiple quotes for car models – you can always tell your dealer if you've spotted a better offer and ask them to beat it.

Also visit showrooms at quieter times – such as midweek – to give salespeople more time to talk through the options on offer.

BLATHNAID CORLESS

THIS WEEK...IF YOU *DO JUST ONE THING*

ORDER SOME SUPERMARKET SAVINGS

YOU could save up to £100 on your delivered supermarket shopping by bagging a deal.

And it is a welcome break given that food prices have soared around 30 per cent since 2022.

If you're a new customer to Ocado, you can get 25 per cent off your first shop of £60 or more.

The maximum discount is £20, which you can get on up to £80 worth of groceries.

To get the offer, you need to enter the code 250CADO at the checkout.

You can also get up to £5 off each of your first three shops with Morrisons Now, which is the supermarket's speedy delivery service. You need to spend at least £30 on each shop and enter the code 5firstnow at the checkout to qualify for the deal.

New online Iceland shoppers can get £5 off their first shop worth £45 or more. To take advantage of that deal, just enter the code ICEFIVEOFF at the checkout.

Online grocery delivery service Gopuff will give you 25 per cent off your first six orders, with no minimum spend.

Enter the code MSE25 each time at the checkout to get the saving.

EMILY MEE

RATES COULD ROCKET TO 5.84%

Tikka year off your mortgage for the price of a takeaway

HOW IT ADDS UP

Mortgage: £200,000 for 25 years
Extra monthly payment: £25
Interest saved: £8,339
Final repayment: 12 months early

an extra £208. Over 40 years you would pay £247,130 in interest, but this falls to £142,069 over 25 years – saving £105,000.

PAY DEAL OFF IN ONE YEAR

WE all want to become debt free but doing so before retirement is especially important.

Aaron Strutt, of broker Trinity Financial, said it can be difficult to remortgage if still working in your later years. But one way to clear your loan is to use a pension lump sum. You can usually take up to 25 per cent of your private pension pot. But Catherine Foot, of the Standard Life Centre for the Future of Retirement, says: "Everyone's circumstances differ and it pays to do your homework or seek professional advice.

"Withdrawing a sizeable sum from your pension to pay off a modest ongoing repayment means you give up potential for your pension to grow, and people need to think about how long their money may need to last."

Andrew Thirkill cashed in part of his pension to help pay off his mortgage on his three-bedroom terraced house. He used £20,000 of his existing savings and his tax-free lump sum to withdraw £18,500 from his Royal London pension pot.

Paying off his mortgage allowed Andrew to reduce his monthly outgoings from £1,370 to £520.

For Andrew, using his lump sum to pay off his mortgage was a no-brainer.

He said: "This felt like the perfect decision. I intend to carry on working and running my business knowing I have more flexibility in retirement."

Ask ADELE

Got a problem? She'll sort it
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SKY HAS NOT KEPT ITS END OF NEW DEAL

Q IN May I left my Vodafone broadband contract and took out a deal with Sky.

Sky promised to pay £200 towards the £400 fee to leave my Vodafone contract early. But the deal was that I would pay the full fee upfront, then apply to Sky to be reimbursed.

I paid up, provided evidence to Sky that I had paid the fee and sent a copy of my final Vodafone bill by post. But I haven't received a response to say I'll get the cash back.

I am constantly being sent messages from the switching department asking me for more information to prove I paid the exit fee.

I've heard nothing since July 13, is there anything you can do?

JAMES TREMAIN, via email.

A You thought you were being savvy by changing broadband providers to save cash, as it can save around £395 a year, according to Uswitch. You needed to pay a £400 fee to leave your contact, but as Sky offered to pay half of this you'd still save around £195.

But Sky held on to your cash and, as the weeks went by, you began to worry you would never receive it. I was keen to put your mind at rest so I contacted Sky.

Its team apologised for the difficulties you experienced, which was because it did not receive the complete final bill from Vodafone.

I suspect this was because you sent the document by post.

I'm constantly inundated with letters from readers who haven't been able to contact companies by phone or post and are instead told to get in touch online.

The £200 is now in your bank account and you are happy the situation is resolved.

If you think your broadband bill is too high, shop around to see if you can get a cheaper deal.

If you want to leave your contract early you may be hit with an early termination fee based on the number of months left on your deal and the price you pay.

Some providers will pay any early exit fees for you.

For example, EE and Virgin Media will give you up to £300 in bill credit towards your previous provider's early termination fee.

Meanwhile, BT will give you up to £300 in credit when you switch to one of its qualifying packages.

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dents will start repaying sooner than before, while salary increases mean they will repay more.

The interest rate for Plan 2 *(and 3)* loans is higher because it is calculated using RPI plus three per cent.

RPI tracks the average change in prices for a basket of goods and services. I was told the repayments would be equivalent to the cost of a phone contract or cinema pass. Now I feel cheated.

In July, the Treasury Committee said the comparisons amounted to mis-selling – too right! A report published by the Institute For Public Policy Research argues the current British financial system is slanted toward wealthy older people and away from younger earners.

Next month's Budget is the perfect opportunity for the Government to finally fix this broken system which has effectively ripped off millions of graduates like me.

Tell us your story

Do you have a money tale to tell or a saving tip you'd like to share? We can challenge companies, fight your corner and end rip-offs. Email us at **money@the-sun.co.uk** or write to **Sun Money, News UK, 1 London Bridge St, London, SE1 9GF**

money mare

AS Ellie Titmus sobbed while reading her credit card statements, she knew she had reached rock bottom.

Including loans, she had racked up more than £20,000 of debt in four years.

Complaints handler Ellie, 32, from Birmingham, split with her partner in 2022 and found it difficult to raise her daughter, now 11, on a single income.

She took out a short-term HSBC loan of £15,000 and a TSB loan of £8,000 to get by. Over the next four years, she spent money on "silly things" like £230 a month on takeaways and £1,000 in one month on online shopping.

In 2023 she met her new partner and is now pregnant with their second child. In April this year she decided to tackle her debt. She had £7,713 left to pay on her HSBC loan and £5,896 on her TSB loan, and owed a family member £1,100 for her daughter's first month at nursery.

She also had £8,404 of debt across three credit cards.

Ellie sold 410 household items on resale platforms and has made nearly £4,200.

She cashed in investments she bought through work, which gave her £13,000. She is paying roughly £600 a month of her £1,900 take-home wage towards repaying her Amex card, plus other repayments.

She's paid £19,000 in repayments and still has £8,700 of debt to pay off.

Now she says: "I don't feel like I'm constantly counting my pennies or checking my bank account multiple times a day."

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THE amount of time Brits can spend in Thailand without a visa is being slashed in half.

From September 15, nationals of 60 countries and territories, including the UK, will be allowed to stay visa-free for up to 30 days only.

The Thai government said the decision was to "reflect current circumstances, taking into account national security and economic considerations".

Brits can still visit for 30 days visa-free for tourism, business engagements and urgent or ad-hoc work.

Travellers also need to complete a digital card at least three days before arrival and have at least one blank passport page for stamping.

BUTLIN'S is launching eight new shows for 2027.

The performances, which will come to all three resorts at Minehead, Bognor Regis and Skegness, include Britain's Got Talent, which will headline every school holiday break next year.

Each BGT show will be hosted by a mystery celebrity presenter and feature a line-up of faces seen on the TV show. Guests will be invited to show off their talents, too. Every break from February half-term will also feature DreamWorks' Madagascar musical starring Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe and Gloria the Hippo.

Plus, on selected Showtime Midweek breaks, families with under-fives can join children's TV star Andy Day at Andy's Dino-Rap.

Other shows include K-Pop Forever and the new Animal Guyz, which starts in February half-term.

There will also be three new West End-style productions including A Billion Streams, which will feature some of the world's biggest songs, and Playtime Party with Billy and Bonnie Bear.

Four-night breaks for a family of four during February half-term cost from £54, the equivalent of £13.50pp. See butlins.com.

CHARMING . . . pub front

THE GEORGE & HEART HOUSE
Margate, Kent

WHAT'S IT LIKE? This revamped 18th century coaching inn, on the edge of Margate's Old Town, is full of character. The charming interior has exposed brickwork, velvet drapes and upcycled furniture – and you couldn't ask for a much better spot from which to explore Margate. The Old Town's vintage shops, cafes and pubs are just across the road while the beach is a five-minute walk away, as is the Turner Contemporary art gallery and retro amusement park Dreamland.

check in... check it out

ROOMS ANY GOOD? The six compact rooms have been designed by Kent creatives and all have their own unique style and names. Burley & Field has Art Deco and Oriental influences while Home Alone With Mrs Jones is a riot of 1970s Biba-style imagery. There is also the plush and spacious Heritage Suite, where I stayed, which takes up an entire floor. It has two bedrooms and a living space complete with a small kitchen area and dining table.

EAT HERE OR GRAB PIZZA? Definitely eat here. The restaurant serves pub classics, such as burgers, alongside more elaborate dishes such as pork Milanese. I had the halibut in a tomato and caper sauce, which was perfectly cooked and delicious. In the summer, you can also dine in the airy Stables Courtyard.

WHAT ELSE? The hotel's Zen Den offers massages and facials by appointment, but can also be used by guests for stretching or meditation.

SO YOU'D GO BACK? Absolutely. It's perfect for a relaxing seaside break.

WHAT'S THE DAMAGE? Double rooms cost from £90, including a continental breakfast. Call 01843 293530 or visit georgeandheart.com.

MICHAEL BARRETT

STYLISH . . . bedroom

PORTUGAL'S TAVIRA IS UPMARKET FISHING TOWN

POPULAR . . . the sandy Praia da Ilha de Tavira

STROLL WITH IT . . . the Gilao river is great to walk along

HISTORIC . . . Ponte Romana bridge connects the town

STRIKING . . . Tavira's whitewashed buildings

The suave Algarve

THE Portuguese love a summer spent in the Algarve as much as the rest of us.

But instead of the better-known Albufeira, Faro and Lagos, they head to the quaint fishing town of Tavira.

On the eastern end of the famous coastline, it has calmer, cheaper and more cultured experiences than its neighbouring tourist hotspots.

And with easyJet having launched new routes from the UK this summer, it's the perfect time to explore new Algarvian shores.

WHY SHOULD I GO? Put simply, for the numerous beaches. Tavira is a paradise within the Algarve, which was last year crowned the World's Best Beach Destination 2025.

These numerous wild, sandy stretches are largely unspoilt and crowd-free, even in peak season.

Notably, they include the beautiful Praia da Ilha de Tavira, which spans eight miles, leaving plenty of room for your beach towel.

Here, the sea is famously warmer as it is more sheltered from the chilly expanse of Atlantic Ocean.

STREETS MADE FOR WALKING? To reach Praia da Ilha de Tavira, you will need to take a ferry or, if you feel you like splashing out, a water taxi. From Tavira, the easiest place to hop on is at the town's pier.

Ferries, which operate between March and October, take 20 minutes and cost around £2 for a return trip.

City stay Q&A

Back on dry land in central Tavira, however, the town's winding, cobbled streets can be easily explored on foot. Make sure to stroll along the picturesque Gilao river, which runs through the centre, flanked by traditional tile-covered buildings.

And linger to take in the live music at golden hour on the old Ponte Romana bridge.

Want to rest your legs? You can travel past the town's key landmarks on a traditional hop-on, hop-off "tourist train".

ANYTHING FOR THE BUCKET LIST? For those who like to relax on holiday, the port town's beaches include the option to rent sunloungers, as well as surfboards, and enjoy beach club drinks served while you sunbathe.

GO: TAVIRA

GETTING THERE: easyJet flights from Newcastle to Faro start from £25.99pp. See easyjet.com.

STAYING THERE: Rooms at Quinta dos Perfumes cost from €150 (£130) per night. See quintadosperfumes.com.

OUT & ABOUT: A Tourist Train City Highlights tour, lasting 45 minutes, is from €7pp (£6). See getyourguide.com.

MORE INFO: For further details about the area, go to visitportugal.com.

TASTY . . . pastel de nata are like Portuguese custard tarts

While you're between the sandy dunes and saltwater lagoons, you may even see the flamingos, dolphins and turtles that call this area home.

If you often get itchy feet and like to immerse yourself in the local culture – or need to walk off the traditional dessert of a freshly baked pastel de nata – then this is a Portuguese spot rich in history.

The ruins of a Moorish castle can be found in Tavira, and they are free to explore. Plenty of architectural evidence also remains of the sailors and fishermen who came to inhabit the town in the Middle Ages.

WHERE SHOULD I EAT? Given its proximity to the coast, seafood is the most popular choice here.

Try Mesa Farta, which has a modern take on traditional Portuguese food, including homemade sourdough and mackerel, as well as fresh chocolate mousse. Special occasion? You can't beat A Ver Tavira. Situated near the castle and with the best views in town, it is one of only seven Michelin-starred restaurants in the Algarve, with mouthwatering dishes that take culinary inspiration from the local area.

A particular favourite of the locals is Restaurante Pedro, in the nearby village of Cabanas de Tavira.

I FANCY A DRINK: There are no shortage of bars in Tavira. One popular option is Arcada, positioned on the main square, which serves freshly-shaken cocktails.

Meanwhile, the Black Anchor is an Irish bar with a terrace that overlooks the river, with the Portuguese beer Sagres on the menu – or even a Guinness on tap if you must.

If you are more of an early bird than a night owl, the town is brimming with cafes where you can get your caffeine fix for less than a couple of euros.

Flat white or matcha more to your taste? Then head to speciality coffee shop, The Table.

WHERE SHOULD I STAY? For complete tranquillity, head to the 4★ Quinta dos Perfumes, with its rooms and pool area nestled in an oasis of orange and avocado trees.

It is less than a ten-minute drive from the centre, a 15-minute walk to the boats at Cabanas de Tavira and close to Benamor golf course.

LAUREN CLARK

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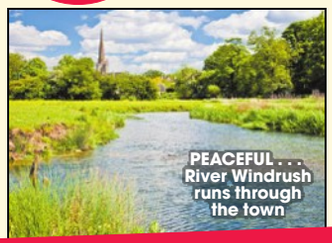
OUR Spotlight On column gives you the lowdown on what to see and do in the best holiday destinations abroad as well as some lesser-known spots in the UK. This week, as Prince Harry, Meghan and their children begin their new life in the Cotswolds, we shine a light on the market town of Witney.


PEACEFUL . . . River Windrush runs through the town

WITNEY

MUST SEE/DO: Learn about the town's history in wool at Witney Blanket Hall, which dates back to 1721. It is free to visit – but be sure to pick up a blanket at the gift shop.

Kids will love Cogges Manor Farm, which has 17 acres to explore, plus an adventure playground and animals they can feed and pet. Tickets start from £12 for adults.

Otherwise, a short drive away is Blenheim Palace as well as Jeremy Clarkson's pub, The Farmer's Dog.

HIDDEN GEM: Only known by locals, head straight to Sandwich de Witney for one of the most filling baguettes you'll ever find. Just don't be too late – most of them sell out shortly after lunch.

For evening entertainment, catch some comedy or a tribute act at the tiny Fat Lil's music venue. Previous performers have included Greg Davies and Milton Jones. Tickets from £5.

BEST VIEW: Grab a coffee and head down to the banks of the River Windrush, which runs through the town. The peaceful break from the bustling town is the ideal escape. You'll be joined mainly by joggers and a few cows in the distance. It even used to host the World Pooh Sticks Championships, so grab a stick and get racing.

RATED RESTAURANT: If there is one thing Witney has in abundance, it's pubs. And one of the finest in town for a meal out is The Fleece – a gastropub and hotel. You'll be licking the crumbs off the plate of the Devon crab cakes and I'd go back just for Aubrey's Cheeseburger, complete with the crispiest chips and pickles. There's a fantastic list of desserts, but my sweet tooth was satisfied by the bizarre yet strangely delicious Banana Brulee Old Fashioned.

BEST BAR: Beer lovers should head to the Crafty Pint Bar. It was recently named Oxford Pub of the Year by the Campaign for Real Ale, and has a number of independent beers both on tap and by the bottle. Try the Little Ox, which is brewed just down the road.

For the best vibes on a Friday night, head to the Como Lounge in the centre of town, where you can get two cocktails for £13.25.

HOTEL PICK: The Blue Boar ticks all the boxes – central location, cosy-yet-modern bedrooms and a great restaurant downstairs. There are 20 rooms to choose from at this old coaching inn, which dates back to the 17th century, and they all come with four-poster beds, DAB radios and Nespresso machines. They also have lush bathrooms kitted out with fluffy towels and luxe toiletries, and some rooms have views over the town centre.

The bar and restaurant have recently been renovated and are due to reopen on Wednesday. Rooms start from £81 per night. See acornpubs.co.uk/blueboar.

TRIP . . . Blenheim Palace

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Voting closes on October 18, 2026. Winners will be presented with their Sun Travel Awards at a ceremony later this year.

● For terms and conditions, including information regarding dates for prizes, go to thesun.co.uk/travel-awards-terms-and-conditions. Vote now at thesun.co.uk/travelawards and you could be jetting off yourself.

By KARA GODFREY

The prizes

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Our prize is on an all-inclusive basis, and includes transfers and flights from Gatwick, Manchester or Birmingham.

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SEVEN NIGHTS IN FUERTEVENTURA WITH EASYJET HOLIDAYS – worth £3,500

HOW about a sizzling week in the Canary Islands in a soon-to-open 4★ hotel and spa?

The seven-night stay for two with easyJet holidays will see you checking into the brand new Elba Corralejo Resort on Fuerteventura.

This new all-inclusive hotel has dedicated zones for grown-ups including a spa with pool. There are also two main swim spots on the palm-dotted terrace.

Grab one of the pool cabanas, or head to the adult-only pool and spa area for the ultimate relaxation.

Feeling peckish? There's a huge buffet restaurant with international fare and themed evenings as well as a couple of poolside restaurants, including one just for adults. For a treat, there's also an

Italian a la carte restaurant as well as plenty of bars. This great holiday comes with your return easyJet flights, 23kg luggage and transfers.

FJORDS CRUISE FROM THE UK WITH MSC CRUISES – worth £2,500

EXPERIENCING the Norwegian fjords is a bucket list trip – and you could be admiring their majestic beauty from the comfort of a cruise ship balcony.

MSC Cruises is offering either a seven-night cruise (on July 17, 2027) or an eight-night cruise (on June 26, 2027) both sailing from Southampton.

Based on two people sharing, you will get a balcony cabin onboard MSC Meraviglia, with stops in the Orkney Islands as well as the Norwegian towns of Maloy, Molde, Alesund and Haugesund.

You won't be bored during your days at sea because as well as full-board to keep you satisfied, there's a champagne bar, live music and entertainment, a 4D cinema and an award-winning spa onboard.

THREE NIGHTS IN CYPRUS WITH LOUIS HOTELS – worth £2,000

ENJOY a taste of the high life with an all-inclusive stay on the sunny island of Cyprus – with a three-night stay for two in a brand new premium all-inclusive 5★ hotel.

Our lucky duo of winners will stay at the Imperial Island Resort by Louis Hotels in Paphos with its verdant green gardens, four relaxing outdoor pools and top-class food and drink.

Staying all-inclusive, you'll get to enjoy the superb cuisine with buffet and a la carte offerings including a snazzy Japanese speciality restaurant.

The fabulous prize includes return easyJet flights from London as well as resort transfers as part of an easyJet Holidays package.

TWO NIGHTS AT CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL WITH RACING BREAKS – worth £750

ONE lucky person (and their plus-one) could win a trip to Cheltenham Festival Ladies Day, with a hotel and enclosure tickets included.

The event next year runs from March 16 to March 19 – and the getaway includes a two-night stay at the 4★ Hilton Garden Inn Bristol City Centre, with breakfast, and tickets to Ladies Day on March 18.

Hop on a free transfer to the Cheltenham racecourse before enjoying tickets for the Best Mate Enclosure, which has some of the best views right in front of the racing action. If you get hungry, there are food outlets throughout as well as the chance for a tipple or two at the bar.

The stay includes return transfer to the hotel as well as a complimentary drink. The winner must book by January 1, 2027.

WE HAVE LIFT-OFF . . . youngster floats on air at iFly

GET READY TO iFLY HIGH ON SKYDIVE TRIP

WHAT'S on your rainy day activity checklist with kids? Soft play, museum, cinema . . . how about skydiving?

Reaching the tail end of the summer holidays and fresh out of ideas for my seven-year-old son, I decided to think outside the box with a trip to iFly Indoor Skydiving.

With venues in Milton Keynes, Manchester, Birmingham, Basingstoke and London, we opted for The O2 in the capital.

The concept is simple: Decked out in a jumpsuit, helmet and goggles, you step into a glass wind tunnel blowing air upwards at up to 165mph and strike your best flying-squirrel pose.

I'd assumed it was strictly for daredevils training to jump out of planes. In reality, anyone aged three and up is welcome, and expert instructors guide you every step of the way.

After a safety video, my son and I were nervous, but our instructor was so patient that my child volunteered to go first.

The wind is STRONG – you simply flop forward into the tunnel – and loud, so earplugs and hand signals are a must.

I've never seen a bigger grin on my son's face than when he first floated off the ground. It got even wider when he tried the "High Flight" add-on (£15), where the instructor takes you on a spinning flight 40 feet up the tunnel.

Unless you're jumping from a plane any time soon, it's the closest you'll ever come to real flying.

My son has become obsessed with "once-in-a-lifetime" experiences – a phrase he uses to justify everything from park ice creams to Lego magazines.

But when he stepped out and declared it was "truly the best once-in-a-lifetime experience ever", I had to agree.

Forget pigs flying, this middle-aged mum never thought she would soar either.

Yet I've got a certificate with full marks for "stable belly flying" to prove it.

● You can get half-price iFly tickets with Sun Club.

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CAROLINE McGUIRE

news

DREAMING of a bright Christmas? Longleat wildlife park in Wiltshire has announced the return of its Festival of Light on November 7 featuring a dazzling display of over 1,000 lanterns.

This year's theme is Legendary Worlds, and visitors will have a whopping 1½ miles of sparkling light sculptures to admire.

Among the glittering installations will be a mythical phoenix rising from the ashes, a lit-up King Arthur pulling the sword from the stone and a representation of the Greek god Poseidon.

Those visiting over the winter period will also be able to enjoy the Enchanted Christmas Tree Show, festive market huts and seasonal food and drink.

The Festival of Light will run until January 10. Tickets cost from £34.95pp when booked in advance at longleat.co.uk.

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FAMILIES can save over £35 on tickets to Alton Towers with a new Parent and Toddler pass.

The bargain pass, which costs £29, includes entry to CBeebies Land for one adult and a toddler. Extra children can be added for £5, as long as they are aged five or under. See altontowers.com.

lates

GREECE: Seven nights' all-inclusive at the 5★ Blue Lagoon Queen in Halkidiki is from £800pp including flights from Gatwick on September 28 with luggage and transfers. See tui.co.uk.

CORNWALL: Four nights' self-catering at Mowhay Barn in Kingsand is from £142.83pp based on a party of six arriving on September 18. See cornwallhideaways.co.uk.

PORTUGAL: Seven nights' self-catering at the 3★ Muthu Balaia Sol Hotel in Albufeira is from £439pp including flights from Bristol on September 29, 22kg luggage and transfers. See jet2holidays.com.

DORSET: Four nights' half-board at the 3★ Russell Hotel in Weymouth is from £309pp based on two sharing, arriving on September 12. See daishs.com.

FJORDS CRUISE: A seven-night Norway sailing on P&O Cruises' Britannia is from £779pp leaving Southampton on September 25. Ship calls at Haugesund, Olden, Stavanger and Kristiansand. See pocruises.com.

TRAVELLERS can now save up to 40 per cent on their Isle of Wight ferry fare when they book a stay at a Parkdean Resort.

The holiday resort has joined up with Red Funnel to launch special discounts for customers staying at any of its four Isle of Wight holiday parks, including Landguard, Lower Hyde, Nodes Point and Thorness Bay.

Once travellers have booked their deal, they can bag a discount using their Parkdean Resorts booking reference. See parkdeanresorts.co.uk and redfunnel.co.uk.

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FUN IN THE SUN . . . save big on your next holiday

Go all-inclusive for less than price of B&B

GOING all-inclusive is CHEAPER than bed and breakfast in three popular holiday destinations, according to a new study.

Analysis of the average cost of 3★ holiday prices from the beginning of June this year to the end of August found bottomless food and drink deals were actually cheaper in Malta, Egypt and Marrakech in Morocco.

The new data-crunching from holiday comparison site TravelSupermarket found the average seven-night all-inclusive holiday in Marrakech works out at £348pp – a saving of 26 per cent compared to the £479pp for B&B.

That means holidaymakers opting for the convenience of buffet dining end up paying £131 less overall while getting their meals and drinks thrown in for free.

Malta served up the next best savings, with a week eating and drinking all you want averaging £518pp compared with £565 for just your breakfast.

Egypt came in third, with non-stop catering coming in at £605pp, £9 cheaper than B&B.

The research also revealed that even if unlimited food and drink is more expensive than B&B, when you look at how much the upgrade costs, it's little more than a couple of rounds of drinks.

The report found a week on the Thai island of Phuket costs just £15pp extra to unlock unlimited food and drink.

In Bodrum, Turkey, all-inclusive breaks were just £7 more for the week, Sri Lanka only £51, and Turkey's Antalya area just £20 extra. Each adds about three per cent to the cost of the holiday.

But there are some destinations where it will still cost you a lot more for the convenience of non-stop food and drink.

Sardinia tops the list of those where it will cost you the most, averaging £1,873pp compared to £818 for a week on B&B.

Florida also fared worse for all-inclusive, adding £1,300 to the average £1,104 B&B cost.

Cities are also not the best places for all-inclusive bargains. Athens breaks were, on average, £610 for B&B compared to £1,079 for all your food and drink, a 77 per cent increase.

'Competing hard'

While in Abu Dhabi, an all-inclusive holiday would set you back £818 more than the average B&B price of £1,148.

TravelSupermarket's Chris Webber said: "Most people assume all-inclusive is always the pricier option, but in a handful of destinations it simply isn't.

"At 3★ level, where hotels are competing hard to fill rooms, all-inclusive is often the package they push hardest and the price reflects that.

"In Marrakech you're paying less for a week of everything included than you would for a week of breakfast alone.

"The lesson for holidaymakers is to run both searches before booking rather than ruling all-inclusive out on price."

LISA MINOT

Rank	Destination	Avg B&B (pp)	Avg All-inc (pp)	Difference (%)
1	Marrakech	£478.80	£348.18	-£130.62 (-27.3%)
2	Malta	£564.55	£518.21	-£46.34 (-8.2%)
3	Egypt	£614.04	£605.08	-£8.96 (-1.3%)
4	Phuket	£1,576.96	£1,591.66	+£14.70 (+0.9%)
5	Bodrum	£633.92	£640.99	+£7.07 (+1.1%)
6	Sri Lanka	£1,697.43	£1,748.04	+£50.61 (+3.0%)
7	Antalya	£575.68	£595.42	+£19.74 (+3.45%)
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LEARN! **Q THE heatwave has ruined my garden. What can I plant now to bloom this year?**
CAROLE SIDLEY, Ledbury, Herts

A You'll have to put in established plants now but there are already lovely cyclamens in garden centres which come in all colours. They spread and come back year after year. Or there are bedding plants, like pansies and violas. With luck they'll flower beyond winter. Asters are reliable for autumn flowering, too.

SOW cornflowers and calendulas now for early flowers next year. Plant kale and pak choi, net ponds to keep leaves out and divide hostas and asters.

This week's **JOB**

WINNING DRAGONS DECIDED

I WAS honoured to be an RHS Trials judge at RHS Hyde Hall in Essex this summer.

And while we were judging the snapdragons, the public were voting as well. I'll reveal our winners at a later date, but the visitors voted:
FIRST PLACE – Antirrhinum majus Floral Showers Red and Yellow Bicolour (Floral Showers Series), *pictured*: **Visitors loved the vibrant red and yellow flowers. Great for containers and window boxes.**
SECOND – Antirrhinum Opus Appleblossom (Opus III/IV Series): Subtle, creamy colour and works well as a cut flower.
THIRD – Antirrhinum Opus Early Bronze (Opus III/IV Series): This had an unusual colour but traditional flower spikes – and kept upright despite the drought.

Right bulb moment

COLOURFUL camassia and, *inset*, snake head flowers

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Now is the time to think about what displays you'd like come spring.

Daffodils *are the obvious choice, but here are some other suggestions for what to plant this month.*

Snowdrops: Planting dry bulbs now gives them plenty of time to settle for a late winter show. Look for the classic galanthus nivalis or the double-flowered flore pleno.

Reticulata irises: These dwarf irises bloom in February or March and look fab in pots or windowboxes.

Harmony or Pixie varieties offer vibrant royal blue and purple colours with yellow markings.

Glory of the snow (chionodoxa): One of the first bulbs to flower in spring, they're tough, reliable and produce star-shaped blue, pink or white flowers.

Alliums: Providing height and interest, varieties such as Allium hollandicum Purple Sensation or the massive Globemaster are a really fun addition to your garden.

Snake's head fritillary (fritillaria meleagris): I love a Snakes Head and they add a tropical vibe with their exotic purple or white bell flowers. They also love damp, partial shade.

Camassia (quamash): A brilliant alternative if you have heavy, moist clay soil where other bulbs rot. They shoot up tall, elegant spikes of creamy white or sky-blue flowers in late spring.

Wood anemone (anemone nemorosa): Plant these low-growing rhizomes horizontally about 5-8cm deep. Cultivars like Blue Eyes or white wood anemones create beautiful, carpet-like drifts.

Dog's tooth violet (eythronium): Shade and shelter-loving, this woodland bulb's pagoda variety has nodding stems with up to ten flowers on each. Plant the soft bulbs quickly after buying so they don't dry out.

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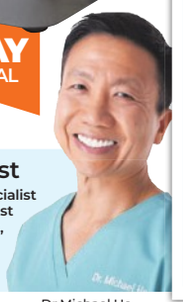

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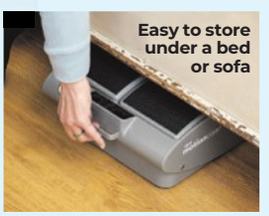

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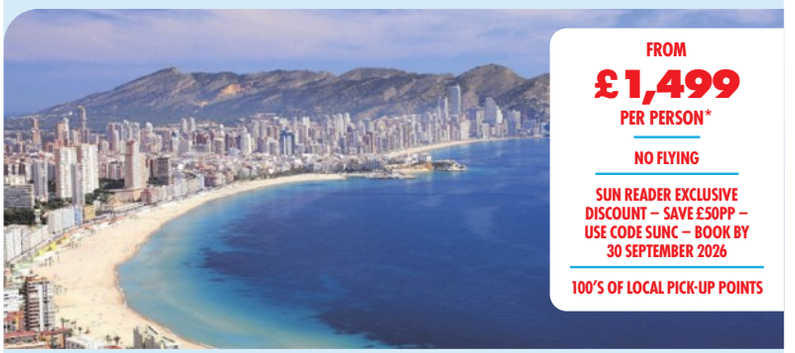

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No1 FOR BOXING

PARK LIFE . . . Taylor (left) fights France's Pili at Croke Park tonight

I'M HOME AT LAST!

It's a fairyTayl ending

KATIE TAYLOR admits she considered walking away from boxing — only for a farewell fight at Croke Park to pull her back in.

From JACK FIGG in Dublin

Irish boxing star Taylor has had a glittering and trailblazing career in both amateur and pro ranks.

But the only thing missing in her Olympic gold and undisputed title-winning journey has been a dream bout at Croke Park, Dublin's iconic 82,000-capacity Gaelic games stadium.

Promoter Eddie Hearn and manager Brian Peters spent years being knocked back — with Muhammad Ali the last boxer to win a bout at Croke Park in 1972.

But they finally secured tonight's historic fight between Taylor and French super lightweight Flora Pili.

And Taylor, 40, said: "I had a conversation with my team after the last fight, saying 'this is going to be it for me, guys, unless Croke Park actually happens'.

"But I kept training, as I was thinking about Croke Park.

"Maybe nine months ago, Brian rang me up and said, 'I'm going to give Croke Park one final shot'.

"And he, along with Eddie Hearn, worked so hard in getting this over the line."

Taylor's journey began as a 12-year-old pretending to be a **BOY** — going by the name Kay — just to get amateur bouts. She later helped convince Olympic chiefs to include women's boxing by taking part in exhibition bouts.

She won gold at London 2012 and turned pro after losing in the Rio 2016 quarter-finals.

Taylor's influence continued in the paid ranks, where she turned the pay gap on its head with million-dollar main-event paydays.

But after marrying US real estate broker Sean McCavanagh last year, Taylor's life is finally beginning to settle down.

But it has left her savouring the remaining moments of her career, saying: "I will miss the intensity of the gym.

"It's important to enjoy the fight as well. There's so much pressure — I'm always expected to win."

Hearn admitted the run-up to Taylor's swansong has left him in floods of tears.

Irish movie star Barry Keoghan starred in a tear-jerking promotion for the event, while pop legends Westlife will perform on the night.

But Taylor herself knows she must first win the fight to keep her emotions intact before she can look to beat party-pooper Pili.

She said: "I have to hold my emotions together on fight night, because I have a fight to win here.

"But I think it's going to be a very special night, not just for Irish boxing, but for Ireland."

Hearn gets a Wembley lift

By JACK FIGG

EDDIE HEARN revealed Wembley is now back in the frame to host Anthony Joshua v Tyson Fury — at 2am.

Joshua, 36, and Fury, 38, have signed contracts to fight this year but AJ's states the heavyweight clash **MUST** be in the UK.

Organisers, including broadcaster Netflix and Saudi boxing financier Turki Al-Sheikh, want a US venue with a bigger audience.

But co-promoter Hearn's calls to keep it here on November 20 have been boosted.

Sela, the Saudi entertainment company behind the clash, have told Hearn to see if the fight can be hosted at Wembley at 2am.

Hearn said: "Before it was, 'It has to be New York'. So, just for me, it's the wave of public support has got everybody's attention.

"And we've now been asked by Sela to have conversations with Wembley and Mayor Sadiq Khan about dates and the possibility of certainly a slightly later start time."

GB GREAT . . . ace Brownlee

Brownlee's bowed out

By ROB MAUL

JONNY BROWNLEE has called time on his professional triathlon career.

The Yorkshireman, 36, stepped away after being ruled out of the Supertri Pro Series final in Jersey through injury.

Five years ago, he finally got his hands on an elusive gold medal at the Tokyo Olympics as part of the inaugural mixed relay squad.

At his final Games, the GB star joked: "The Olympics? Completed it, mate!"

While he may have always been in the shadow of elder brother Alistair, a two-time Olympic champion, he does have his own gold, silver and bronze Olympic medals.

He became world triathlon champion in 2012, and was also a two-time world sprint champion and Commonwealth mixed team relay gold medallist.

Jonny said: "My body is telling me I cannot have the fairytale ending but it's been pretty close to a dream career."

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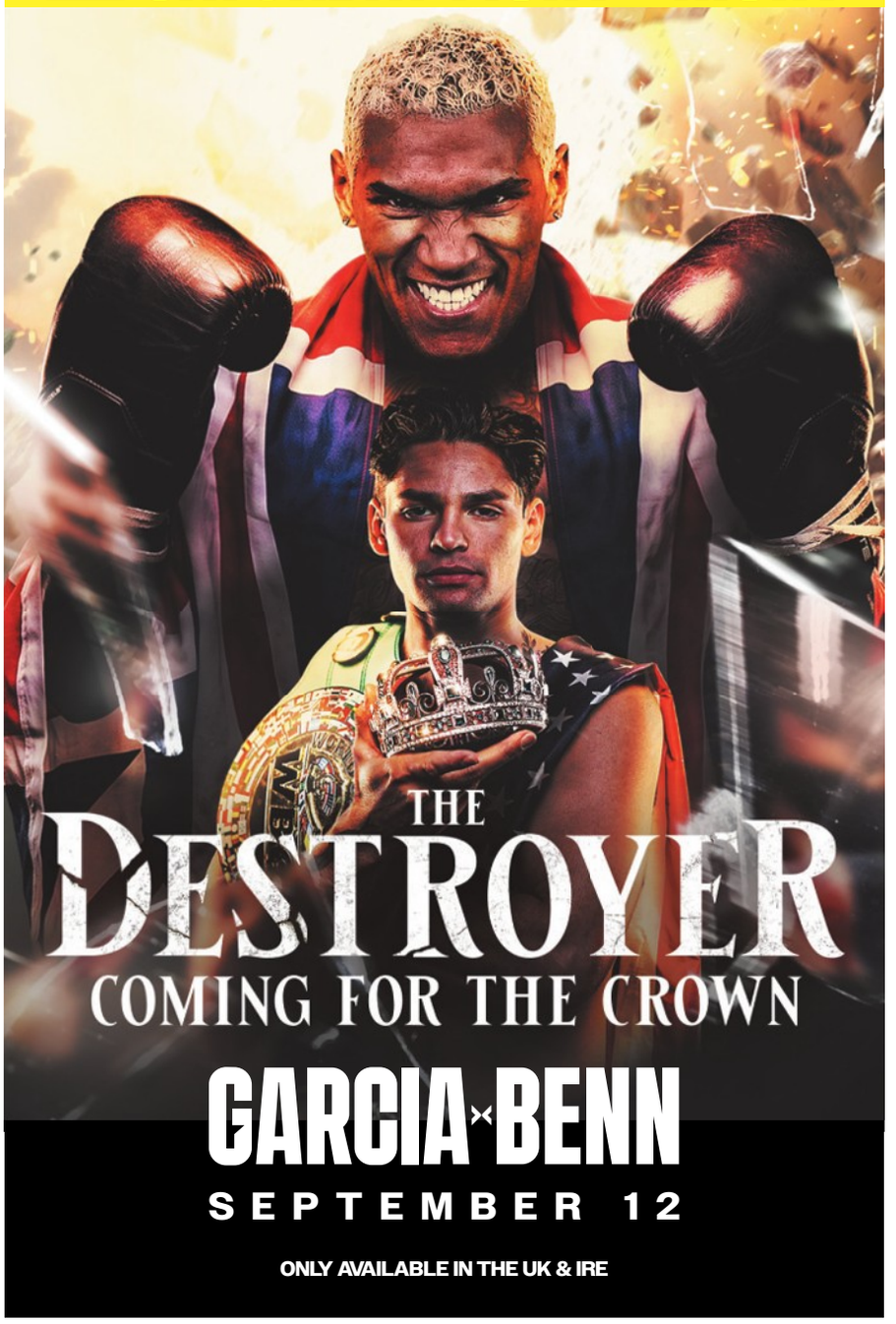

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ROTHESAY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - DIVISION ONE

Hampshire v Warwickshire

The Rose Bowl: Warwickshire 398 (116.0 overs; R M Yates 109, S R Hain 90, D R Mousley 77, K Smith 51; K J Abbott 4-51). Hampshire 115 (38.1 overs) and 154 (60.3 overs; M J Suthar 4-52). **Warwickshire (22pts) beat Hampshire (2pts) by an innings and 129 runs.**

Somerset v Glamorgan

Taunton: Glamorgan 194 (59.2 overs; B I Kellaway 51) and 183 (59.0 overs). Somerset 441 (109.1 overs; T A Lammonby 95, A M Vaughan 68, J F Thomas 59, J E K Rew 52; M S Crane 4-95). **Somerset (23pts) beat Glamorgan (3pts) by an innings and 64 runs.**

Surrey v Yorkshire

The Kia Oval: Yorkshire 185 (75.4 overs; T Lawes 4-36) and 82 (28.5 overs; M D Fisher 6-25). Surrey 83 (30.0 overs) and 187-9 (73.2 overs; G C H Hill 4-52). **Surrey (19pts) bt Yorkshire (3pts) by one wicket.**

Essex v Sussex

Chelmsford: Sussex 275 (99.0 overs; J A Leaning 60; J A Porter 4-44) and 230 (50.1 overs; J M Coles 79; Zaman Akhter 4-51, S R Harmer 4-96). Essex 177 (58.5 overs; C W J Allison 56; H T Crocombe 5-39) and 197-7 (53.0 overs; M J J Critchley 63no).

Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire

Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire 451-8dec. (99.5 overs; J A Haynes 159, L A Patterson-White 111no). Leicestershire 250-7 (105.0 overs; J Hull 97, R Ahmed 54, D Pennington 4-42).

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Somerset	11	5	2	4	22	33	167
Warwicks	11	4	1	6	18	32	162
Notts	10	4	1	5	16	28	148
Glamorgan	11	3	4	4	14	30	124
Surrey	11	2	3	6	18	26	124
Sussex	10	4	3	3	20	24	120
Yorkshire	11	3	4	4	13	27	120
Essex	10	4	4	2	13	26	119
Leics	10	2	5	3	19	27	102
Hampshire	11	2	6	3	3	29	88

*not including games in progress

DIVISION TWO

Gloucestershire v Derbyshire

Bristol: Gloucestershire 237 (81.2 overs; J R Bracey 113; B G Randell 5-41). and 149-3 (51.0 overs; J Phillips 64) Derbyshire 278 (89.4 overs; Yousaf Bin Naeem 71, M Montgomery 65; O J Price 6-45).

Kent v Worcestershire

Canterbury: Kent 238 (64.2 overs; D J Bell-Drummond 52) and 358 (108.2 overs; S A Northeast 132, Z Crawley 54; T A I Taylor 4-68). Worcestershire 217 (59.0 overs; D H Lategan 59, A J Hose 50; Hasan Mahmud 4-68) and 84-3 (23.1 overs).

Middlesex v Lancashire

Northwood: Middlesex 247 (68.3 overs; L B K Hollman 54) and 200 (44.0 overs; M D E Holden 51; G P Balderson 5-54). Lancashire 151 (48.5 overs; T G Helm 4-40) and 136 (43.4 overs; T G Helm 4-36). **Middlesex (19pts) beat Lancashire (3pts) by 160 runs.**

Northamptonshire v Durham

Northampton: Durham 205 (56.2 overs; D G Bedingham 81; Y S Chahal 4-36). and 246-7 (74.0 overs; A Z Lees 80) Northamptonshire 263 (88.0 overs; J J G Sales 69, Saif Zaib 52; M J Potts 4-49).

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Durham	10	7	0	3	27	28	191
Kent	10	5	1	4	19	25	151
Northants	10	4	2	4	27	28	151
Middlesex	11	4	4	3	13	31	132
Worcs	10	4	3	3	15	26	127
Derbyshire	10	3	5	2	21	25	110
Lancashire	11	2	6	3	10	31	97
Glocs	10	1	9	0	6	24	44

*not including games in progress

CYCLING

LA VUELTA: Stage 13 (Almunecar to Loja, 192.8km) - 1 W van Aert (Bel) Visma-Lease a Bike 4h 34m 0s, 2 V Paret-Peintre (France) Soudal Quick-Step at the same time, 3 M Brennan (GB) Visma-Lease a Bike +24s, 21 E Dunbar (Ire) Pinarello-Q36.5 Pro Cycling Team +45s, 36 O Onley (GB) Netcompany INEOS Cycling Team +3m, 64 F Pickering (GB) Team Jayco-AlUla +3:29. **Overall -** 1 E Mas (Spa) Movistar Team 45h 08m 51s, 2 P Roglic (Slo) Red Bull-BORA-hansgrohe +1m 45s, 3 F Gall (Aut) Decathlon CMA CGM Team +2:06, 5 Onley +4:29, 17 Pickering + 30:34, 45 Dunbar + 1h 23m 06s. **Today, Stage 14** (Jaén to Sierra de La Pandera, 154.5km). **Tomorrow. Stage 15** (Palma del Río to Córdoba, 189.7km).

LLOYDS TOUR OF BRITAIN: Stage 3 (Hull to Beverley, 194.1 km) - 1 O Kooij (Ned) Decathlon CMA CGM Team 4h 4m 32s. **Overall -** 1 L Askey (GB) NSN Cycling Team 12h 00m 57s, 2 T Wellens (Bel) UAE Team Emirates-XRG +12s, 3 M Trentin (Ita) Tudor Pro Cycling Team +19,. **Today, Stage 4** (Helmsley to Leyburn, 165.8km). **Tomorrow, Stage 5** (Earlston, 156.1km).

GOLF

OMEGA EUROPEAN MASTERS (Crans Montana, Switzerland): **2nd Rnd** (Gbr & Irl unless stated) - **127** T Lawrence (Rsa) 64 63, **129** I Elvira (Spa) 67 62, J Paul (Ger) 65 64, **130** K Nakajima (Jpn) 67 63.

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Huddsfield - Tries: Zenon. Goals: Lolohea.

LEIGH (24) **48 ST HELENS** (10) **10**
Leigh - Tries: Charnley, Armstrong, Hanley (2), Cook, Ipape, Alick-Wiencke, Mulhern. Goals: Cook (8).
St Helens - Tries: Douglas, Sailor. Goals: Sailor.

TOULOUSE (30) **44 HULL** (0) **30**
Toulouse - Tries: O'Kane (2), Polselli, Roumanos, Ulberg, Rouge, Ashall-Bott. Goals: Rouge (8). Hull - Tries: Martin (2), Sezer (2), Moy. Goals: Sezer (5).

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Wigan	25	20	0	5	761	419	40
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Wakefield	25	17	0	8	665	460	34
Leigh	26	17	0	9	636	478	34
Hull K R	26	16	0	10	736	467	32
St Helens	26	14	0	12	600	602	28
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SNOOKER

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LONDON CLASSIC (Alexandra Palace): **Men's Qtr-finals -** E Ng (Mas) bt Y Soliman (Egy) 2-1; P Coll (Nzl) bt Mo ElShorbagy (Eng) 2-0; V Crouin (Fra) bt L Cardenas (Mex) 2-1, Ma ElShorbagy (Eng) bt K El Torkey (Egy) 2-1. **Women's Semi-finals -** H El Hammamy (Egy) bt A Sobhy (USA) 2-1; A Orfi (Egy) bt T Gilis (Bel) 2-0; S Subramaniam (Mas)bt A Singh (Ind) 2-0.

TENNIS

US OPEN (Flushing Meadows, New York): **Men's Singles 3rd rnd -** (7) D Medvedev (Rus) bt (26) A Rinderknech (Fra) 6-4 6-4 6-4; (20) T Paul (USA) bt (15) A Bublik (Kaz) 6-4 3-6 6-7 (4-7) 6-1 6-3; (2) C Alcaraz (Spa) bt Y Wu (Chn) 6-3 6-4 6-1;

Women's Singles 3rd rnd - (1) A Sabalenka (Blr) bt K Rakhimova (Uzb) 6-3 6-4; T Townsend (USA) bt (15) D Shnaider (Rus) 6-2 6-7 (3-7) 6-3; (3) J Pegula (USA) bt (31) L Fernandez (Can) 1-6 6-4 6-3; (16) S Cirstea (Rom) bt (19) J Paolini (Ita) 6-3 6-3;

Men's Doubles 1st rnd - (1) H Heliovaara (Fin) & H Patten (GB) bt F Cerundolo (Arg) & J Manuel Cerundolo (Arg) 6-4 6-2.

Women's Doubles 1st rnd - H Dart (GB) & M Lumsden (GB) bt P Marcinko (Cro) & O Oliynykova (Ukr) 7-5 6-3.

TODAY'S SPORT

ATHLETICS
Diamond League (Brussels).

CRICKET
County Championship (day 4 of 4, 10.30am) - **Division One:** Essex v Sussex (Chelmsford), Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire (Trent Bridge). **Division Two:** Gloucestershire v Derbyshire (Bristol), Kent v Worcestershire (Canterbury), Northamptonshire v Durham (Northampton).

GOLF (all weekend)
Omega European Masters (Crans-sur-Sierre GC, Crans Montana, Switzerland).

FORMULA 1
Italian Grand Prix qualifying (Monza Circuit, Monza, 3.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE
Betfred Super League (3.0): Catalans Dragons v York (7.0), Leeds v Wigan (8.0), Wakefield v Warrington.
Betfred Championship (2.0): London Broncos v Swinton.
Betfred Championship Eliminator (2.0): Midlands Hurricanes v Whitehaven.
Betfred Women's Super League: Featherstone Rovers v Barrow Raiders (2.0), Leeds Rhinos v Wigan Warriors (5.15.

RUGBY UNION
Internationals: Argentina v Australia (10.0), South Africa v New Zealand (4.10).
Premiership Rugby Cup - Pool A (3.05): Bristol v Gloucester. **Pool B** (3.0): Harlequins v Leicester, Saracens v Northampton.
SNOOKER - British Open (Cheltenham).
SQUASH
London Classic (Alexandra Palace).
TENNIS - US Open (Flushing Meadows).

TOMORROW

CRICKET
Women's Third ODI: England v Ireland (New Road, 10.30am).

GOLF
Omega European Masters (Crans-sur-Sierre GC, Crans Montana, Switzerland).

FORMULA 1
Italian Grand Prix (Monza, 2.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE
Betfred Championship Eliminator (3.0): Sheffield v Batley.
Betfred Women's Super League (12.0): Huddersfield Giants v Leigh Leopards (2.0), York Valkyrie v St Helens.

RUGBY UNION
Premiership Rugby Cup - Pool A: Sale v Bath (3.0).
SNOOKER - British Open (Cheltenham).
SQUASH
London Classic (Alexandra Palace).
TENNIS - US Open (Flushing Meadows).

TENNIS US OPEN UPDATE

Personal vest

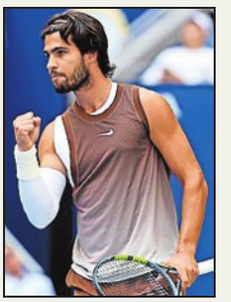
CARLOS ALCARAZ was simply the vest as he made it ten in a row at the US Open.

The sleeveless Spaniard wore an additional white undergarment during his 6-3 6-4 6-1 third-round win over China's Wu Yibing.

In his previous two matches, the defending champ shocked fans who could see his chest through his Nike top. Yet he decided to cover himself for his tenth successive victory at Flushing Meadows as he booked a last-16 clash with American Tommy Paul.

Alcaraz, 23, also managed to banish any concerns over the right wrist injury that had interrupted his season.

From ROB MAUL



ALCARAZ . . . gone through

Frankly awful

FRAN JONES accepts there should be an inquest into the failure of Brits at this year's US Open.

For the first time since 2018, **NONE** made it to the third round at Flushing Meadows.

Nine played in the opening round which was the highest in the Big Apple since 1981.

Yet pitifully they are all out before the start of Labor Day weekend.

Jones, 25, who lost 6-4 6-4 to Iva Jovic, said: "Do I think there could be inquests? I always think there are things British tennis can do better. So, yes, definitely.

"Is it concerning? No. The level is getting better. Everyone is dangerous on their day."

From ROB MAUL

WEED NEED TO STOP

Saba calls halt after bit of whiff

GOT THE UMP . . . Sabalenka complains of weed smell

FUMING Aryna Sabalenka halted her US Open clash to moan about someone allegedly smoking WEED.

But the Belarusian powerhouse, 28, is still living the **HIGH** life as she chases a hat-trick of New York titles.

The world No1 was serving in game three in the first set of her third-round 6-3 6-4 win over Kamilla Rakhimova, who represents Uzbekistan.

At 2-0 up in the Louis Armstrong Stadium, the four-time Slam champion suddenly stopped her serving motion.

And then she went over to chair umpire Eva Asderaki-Moore to claim she could smell something dodgy wafting over from the stands. Sabalenka moaned: "Someone is smoking weed. So, would you mind [dealing with it] because it's so strong there."

Greek official Asderaki-Moore did not warn the crowd on the second-biggest court but appeared to do a two-fingered smoking motion to a colleague in the stands.

After the match, Sabalenka laughed: "I was like, guys, you can do whatever, you can smoke whatever, you can relax, but please, to not do it around the tennis courts.

"It's a bit tricky to handle that smell while you're trying to compete at your best. There's nothing else to say about weed. I'm just asking people not to smoke it next to the tennis court.

"It was a bit windy. I don't know if it was coming from the crowd or was from the outside because the wind blows it into the stadium. I hope they're going to be a bit more aware of that stuff."

The US Open is the most unruly of the four Slams.

Yet smoking is banned at Flushing Meadows . . . or should it be Puffing Meadows?

The USTA have been approached for comment but they do work with the NYPD and Parks Department to help decrease smoking near the fence-line. It is legal to smoke, vape or ingest cannabis for both recreational and medicinal purposes in New York State, provided you are 21 or older.

At the start of the tournament, some players – including British No2 Katie Boulter – complained about the pungent aroma of joints, on the outside courts that are adjacent to nearby Corona Park.

Sabalenka's quest for glory continues tomorrow against either USA's Taylor Townsend or Russian Diana Shnaider.

Ukrainian **MARTA KOSTYUK** moved into the last 16 with a 6-3 6-2 win over Russian Ekaterina Alexandrova. Given the ongoing war, there was no handshake at the end.

From ROB MAUL in New York

Sloppy Saints are Cooked

ADAM COOK condemned St Helens to life outside Super League's play-offs for the first time with a 20-point haul.

Saints have won Super League's title ten times but must get used to a new tag – also-rans.

Leigh stand-off Cook contributed a try and eight goals and created Jacob Alick-Wiencke's effort.

Josh Charnley celebrated the opener by signing a board as talk over whether he will get a new Leopards deal rumbles on.

Umyla Hanley scored two tries with David Armstrong, Edwin Ipape and Robbie Mulhern also going over for the hosts.

Jacob Douglas and Tristan Sailor replied for Saints but legends Jonny Lomax and the sin-binned Mark Percival will not bow out into retirement in a blaze of glory.

Coach Andy Last blasted **HULL FC** for an "unacceptable" first half as they fell 30-0 down in a 44-30 defeat at **TOULOUSE.**

Henry O'Kane scored two tries and assisted Luke Polselli's try-of-the-season contender for the hosts.

Arthur Mourgue grabbed two tries and three goals as **HULL KR** made sure of a top-six spot by thumping **HUDDERSFIELD** 36-6.

Leigh.....48
St Helens.....10

By GARY CARTER

COOK . . . try and eight goals

Sport

MARK SELBY is in the hunt for a second title in three weeks.

The new China Open champ smashed Jack Lisowski 5-0 to set up a British Open semi-final against world No69 Liam Highfield.

SHORT

Hat's off to Henry

By JOHN ETHERIDGE

HENRY CROCOMBE tasted his third slice of glory in nine days when he was chosen for England.

The fast bowler has taken hat-tricks in his last two County Championship matches for Sussex — and is now in England's 50-over squad to face Sri Lanka later this month.

Crocombe, 24, is included as Durham's Brydon Carse continues his absence while being investigated by the police and the Cricket Regulator.

Carse, 31, was handcuffed outside a nightclub in Derby last month.

Crocombe, who has signed for Surrey for next season, was called into the Test squad this summer when Ollie Robinson was injured but did not play.

Swansea-born Derbyshire batsman Aneurin Donald, 29, has been picked for the T20 series.

England play three T20s and three ODIs against Sri Lanka, starting in Southampton on September 15.

Star Luke Czechs in

LUKE LITTLER is making a return to darts' Euro Tour after a six-month absence.

The Nuke, 19, sat out eight successive events this summer as he prioritised rest and time with his girlfriend.

Plus the world No1 often avoids playing in Germany, having been booed by fans.

Littler faces German world No38 Niko Springer in round two today at the Czech Darts Open.

Luke Humphries will aim for a third consecutive crown after beating Josh Rock and Kim Huybrechts in the last two finals.

F1 MONZA SHOWDOWN

Race from 2pm tomorrow, sky sports

CAR-TOON CHARACTER

LIGHTNING McQUEEN drove in at Monza with a new F1-inspired design — while the Mercedes-AMG safety car has been given a Cars makeover.

McQueen, the film's main character, will make his F1 debut with an honorary lap of the track as the sport and Disney mark its 20-year anniversary at the Italian Grand Prix.

Lewis Hamilton voiced a character in Cars 2 and 3 which was based on a McLaren MP4-12C.

KA-CHOW . . . Lightning McQueen at Monza with F1 driver Liam Lawson

Parma Ham

LEW STEALING ITALIAN LOVE FROM KIMI

KIMI ANTONELLI will have to get used to the saying in Italy that there are two religions — the Catholic Church and Ferrari.

From ISABELLE BARKER

The Bologna-born 20-year-old *(right)* arrives at his home race leading the F1 championship over Brits George Russell and Lewis Hamilton by 59 points.

He is on course to become the first Italian to win the title since Alberto Ascari in 1953.

And it has left local fans with a dilemma – cheer on their beloved Ferrari, or compatriot Antonelli in a Mercedes.

But Italian Riccardo Patrese, who drove in 256 F1 Grands Prix, once said: "As an Italian, you're worth nothing in your own country unless you're driving a Ferrari." At Imola in 1983, Patrese skidded off in a Brabham and Ferrari's French ace Patrick Tambay overtook him to send Italian fans wild.

Stevenage-born Hamilton has channelled the spirit of Ferrari and Italy this weekend, arriving in style in the iconic F40 supercar.

Antonelli's chances of winning the race are slim, as he is starting at the back of the grid due to an engine penalty.

His dad, Marco, recently spoke about how Ferrari fans are rooting for the young Italian.

But the general feeling in Monza's fan zone yesterday was the iconic red team, and whoever is driving for them, will come up trumps. When Milan-born Sofia, 36, was asked who she is backing, she said: "Ferrari and Lewis. Ferrari is our religion and status."

Pisa-born Allesandro, 24, said: "I want Lewis. Kimi is Italian but he drives for Mercedes. Ferrari is bigger than Kimi."

As a five-time winner of the Italian GP, Hamilton *(right)*, 41, knows what it is like to stand in front of the boisterous fanbase atop the Monza podium.

And it still seems those fans would prefer to see a red racing suit triumph than their countryman – something Antonelli is acutely aware of.

He said: "There's a huge fanbase at Monza, but it's even more so for Ferrari."

GASLY . . . demoted

Flav fury at Gasly decision

From ISABELLE BARKER

McLAREN and Alpine went to war as Flavio Briatore accused a judge of being biased after Pierre Gasly's Monaco podium was overturned.

Yesterday it was announced that McLaren and Red Bull had won their appeals against the result of June's race.

It came following controversy surrounding multiple incorrect pit-lane speeding penalties.

Alpine's Gasly has lost the podium he was awarded after a previous appeal had overturned two five-second penalties.

Gasly, who finished third, drops to seventh, while Red Bull's Isack Hadjar returns to third and McLaren's Oscar Piastri fourth.

Alpine boss Briatore and McLaren's Andrea Stella exchanged furious words in a press conference.

Briatore, 76, said: "This is very unfair. We accept the decision but what is strange was four judges in the panel. One acts like a prosecutor.

"The problem is he's very linked with McLaren, because we have a nice picture of this guy at a speech for McLaren in 2018 in MSO, Beverly Hills. "And this judge, the name is Filippo Marchino."

But fellow Italian Stella, 55, hit back: "This conference is insulting for McLaren, a team that deserves a lot of respect.

"The hearing was conducted to the highest standards and we should not question this."

PREM EVERTON v MAN UTD Tomorrow, 2pm sky sports

CLUB 18 TO SHIRTY

That's the number of outfield pros fed-up Moyes has left

DAVID MOYES says he is "too old" to deal with a season of underachieving after Everton's shambolic transfer window.

By KEN LAWRENCE

The veteran Scot, 63, is charged again with taking the club into Europe after his vain efforts to make it last year were deemed as a "failure" by owners The Friedkin Group.

And he must do so with only 18 senior outfield players, after the £60million departure of Iliman Ndiaye to Manchester City and Beto's £15.5m move to Fiorentina on deadline day.

Only a fan revolt stopped homegrown midfielder Harrison Armstrong being sold to Nottingham Forest for £40m, while a £40m move for Monaco striker Folarin Balogun collapsed at the 11th hour.

Boss Moyes admitted: "I'm getting too old to be sitting at the bottom end of the league when I want to be challenging at the top end.

"For me, it's really important to keep the club moving in the right direction.

"I'm disappointed we didn't do more business and disappointed things didn't go our way in the end.

"Sometimes in football you have to live with disappointment and we will move on.

"With the Balogun transfer it wasn't anybody's fault, it happens a lot in football – the player had a problem in his medical and that was it, there's no story behind it."

But he did admit there **WAS** a story behind the proposed sale of Armstrong, 19, seen as the best academy prospect in a decade, saying: "I don't do the financials but we were looking to get some money in."

Everton come out of the window with a transfer surplus of around £30m, when Moyes had expected far greater ambition – especially as TFG have made clear what the demands on him are this season.

In a clear message to owners looking for up to £350m in investment despite only taking over 21 months, he stressed: "The players will all really have to muck in because we have such a small squad.

"I know what I needed and what it's like to build a squad for the Premier League.

"I know the numbers you need. I've been around long enough to know that, but some things went against us and some things could have gone better.

"Ultimately, we didn't want to lose a lot of the players – we really wanted to keep Iliman – but for different reasons that had to happen.

"It's difficult when bigger, Champions League clubs come in. When I was here before, I had to sell Mikel Arteta to Arsenal, Joleon Lescott to Manchester City.

"The worst one was selling Wayne Rooney to Manchester United. I thought at the time that the world was going to come to an end – but still we moved on."

Moyes bossed United for eight months of the 2013-14 season before being sacked and goes up against his former club tomorrow with his own position under a growing cloud.

He is in the final year of his contract with no talks over a new deal while his relationship with the billionaire Americans can only be more strained after the transfer market chaos.

The Scot said: "If you want to be successful, you have to be aligned in all departments. Somebody said to me 'there shouldn't be the width of a piece of paper between everyone running a club'.

"We have new owners still finding their way at the club. And I think that as we get to know each other more, it will get better."

TOFF WINDOW . . . boss Moyes has been left with a squad short on numbers

PLENTY TO CHEW OVER
EVERTON'S TRANSFER WINDOW

TOTAL SPEND £63.8m

IN	
Hayden Hackney (Middlesbrough)	£16.5m
Tyrique George (Chelsea)	£18m*
Merlin Rohl (Freiburg)	£18m*
Christian Norgaard (Arsenal)	£7m
Brennan Johnson (Crystal Palace)	Swap
Jack Grealish (Man City)	Loan
Ainsley Maitland-Niles (Lyon)	£4.3m

TOTAL OUT £89.4m

OUT	
Seamus Coleman	Free
Idrissa Gueye (Al-Diriyah)	Free
Dwight McNeil (Crystal Palace)	Swap
Adam Aznou (Malaga)	Loan
Beto (Fiorentina)	£15.5m
Nathan Patterson (Torino)	£850k
Tim Iroegbunam (Hull)	£13m
Iliman Ndiaye (Man City)	£60m

(initial fees only)

BETO . . . sold to Fiorentina

ARMSTRONG . . . stayed put

CARRICK . . . defending window

Carrick 'n Co top of the shops

By SAMUEL LUCKHURST

MICHAEL CARRICK is "delighted" at Manchester United's summer business.

The Red Devils have spent **£148MILLION** on midfielders Andrey Santos, Youri Tielemans and Carlos Baleba.

Prem rivals Manchester City, Chelsea, Liverpool and Tottenham all signed £100m players, while Aston Villa and promoted Ipswich laid out more money than United.

Old Trafford chiefs have battled to comply with strict top-flight spending rules over recent seasons.

But Carrick insists chief executive Omar Berrada and director of football Jason Wilcox have maximised the budget that was available.

The Red Devils boss said: "We went into the window wanting to come out with a stronger group than last season and we've definitely added to that.

"We've done a lot of good work in that respect. The situation is what it is, in terms of finances and what we can work with.

"Certainly, the players we've brought in, I'm absolutely delighted with them.

"We've done really good business with the quality and level of player we've got. I'm really happy with that.

"There are always other things you can do, or possibly do. Some things become available, some don't. That's just part of evolving the group.

"We had certain things we needed to fill and try and improve. Largely, I think we're in a good place."

Ahead of tomorrow's trip to Everton, Carrick believes he has a "pretty good balance within the squad".

He added: "We've got players who are flexible and can play in different positions if we need it.

"As you go through a season, you always need that. So I'm pretty happy."

Pressed on his 'financial situation' comment, Carrick replied: "I didn't say restrictions. It's just the situation we have.

"Whatever the amount is, we want to make the most of it. For what we've spent, we've made the most of it – without a shadow of a doubt.

"I only focus on ourselves and what we can do and maximising what we can do.

"What squad is ever perfect? You always have to find ways of adapting.

"When you're building and going through a period of trying to get to the top, you have to make steps.

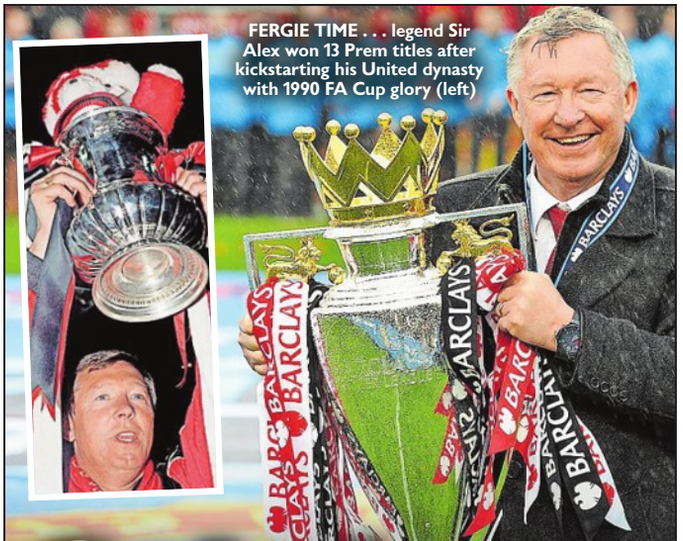
"It's not going to be one hit. It's the whole thing, improving as a group, as a squad. It's not an instant fix.

"There's a whole road we have to go down with that and make sure we keep improving.

"There's always things that we're looking at and trying to improve."

HEY BIG SPENDER
BIGGEST SUMMER OUTLAY

Man City	£441.9m	Liverpool	£242m
Chelsea	£351.4m	Arsenal	£194.5m
Tottenham	£311.5m	Ipswich	£181.9m
Newcastle	£266.6m	MAN UTD	£152m
Aston Villa	£252.2m	(initial fees only)	



FERGIE TIME . . . legend Sir Alex won 13 Prem titles after kickstarting his United dynasty with 1990 FA Cup glory (left)

Stick to the plan

PATIENCE A KEY VIRTUE

Karren Brady

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FOOTBALL has developed an extraordinary lack of patience.

We want a new manager but we want results immediately.

We want that young player but only if he looks like a £100million footballer by Christmas.

We want a new signing to justify his price tag before he properly unpacks his suitcase.

We want a club to build for the future but also want to know why they haven't won today.

I have spent more than 30 years in football and sat in boardrooms when results have been poor.

The atmosphere changes. Questions get louder. Everyone wants to know what is going to be done.

Sometimes the hardest decision is not to do something. It is to resist doing something simply because everyone else wants you to.

At West Ham, there were spells when fans demanded David Moyes be sacked. Results weren't good enough and pressure mounted.

But we didn't sack him. We stayed with him.

And in 2023, West Ham won the Conference League — a first European trophy in 58 years.

That doesn't mean keeping a manager is always right. But that decision should be made with your head, not because the football world is shouting at you.

And that brings me to Sir Alex Ferguson. Would he have survived at Manchester United in the modern game?

United finished 11th in his first season after he took over in November 1986. They were second the next campaign but dropped back to 11th in 1988-89. His first trophy came in 1990.

Imagine that happening now. There would be TV panels asking if he had lost the dressing room. Social media would be demanding his dismissal.

United might have sacked one of the greatest managers in history before he had a chance to become one. And that is the danger of impatience. It affects players, too.

A young star has three bad games and suddenly is a flop. A £60m signing doesn't score in four matches and suddenly the transfer is a disaster.

Football is different from almost every other business.

All our assets are people — the players, manager and staff are the business.

When your assets are people, your job isn't simply to measure them, replace them and move on.

It is to lead them, support them, develop them and give them the confidence to perform at their best.

People rarely shine at work when they are constantly waiting to be judged, blamed or replaced.

Sometimes the most valuable thing a board can give a manager is time, trust and confidence.

Constant change is expensive, too. Sack a manager and you pay off him and his staff. Bring in another and he may want different players. Those signings cost money.

Then another manager arrives and doesn't fancy half of them.

That isn't ambition. Sometimes it is simply expensive indecision.

We talk endlessly about long-term projects — building a culture, developing young players, creating a clear identity . . . then give the manager five games.

I am not saying managers should have unlimited time. I've been involved in decisions where it was clear a boss had run his course.

But sacking someone is the easy part. Finding a better replacement is the hard part.

Owners need the courage to stick to a plan when they genuinely believe it is right.

And those commenting on football should be careful about turning every bad result into a crisis.

Football is not a television series where every episode needs a cliffhanger.

Sometimes the boring decision is the sensible one.

Pato: It's Cobblers

By CHRIS HUGHES

ALEXANDRE PATO is set to buy a majority stake in League Two Northampton.

The former AC Milan, Chelsea and Brazil forward, 37, is part of Sports Alpha Capital consortium.

SAC — who were in talks to buy Colchester earlier this year — have been given the OK by the Independent Football Regulator and the EFL.

Cobblers chairman Kelvin Thomas said: "The completion of both processes represents an important milestone and should provide fans and stakeholders with further confidence in the proposed investment."

KRET HITS NET IN IRONS DEAL

By JACK ROSSER

DANIEL KRETINSKY has taken control of West Ham after striking a deal with David Sullivan.

The Czech billionaire, 51, saw off competition from Amanda Staveley to become the largest shareholder in the Championship club.

Kretinsky now owns a 46 per cent stake in the Irons, while Sullivan's rises from 38.8 per cent to 40.

Shares were bought from Vanessa Gold, who retains a stake, while Sullivan sold a small chunk of his holding to Kretinsky.

Sullivan resigned as a director in June following accusations of sexually exploitative and predatory behaviour. He denies all the accusations.

Kretinsky *(left)* said: "I am deeply honoured to have the opportunity to become the largest shareholder of this great club.

"I appreciate the responsibility this brings and do not take it lightly."

Kretinsky agreed to buy shares from the late David Gold's daughter in June.

But she then agreed another secondary deal with Staveley, who led the 2021 Saudi takeover of Newcastle.

Gold hailed this agreement as bringing "stability".

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POUR RELATION . . . Lampard has a fraction of City's spending power at new boys Coventry

Lamps not worried by City riches

FRANK LAMPARD feels 'realism not envy' when he compares his spending at Coventry to megabucks Manchester City.

The former England midfielder says Enzo Maresca's side splashed out **THREE TIMES** the Sky Blues' total budget on their midfield alone.

Newly-promoted Coventry head to the Etihad today having splashed out just over £100million during the summer in an attempt to make themselves competitive in the top flight.

City have brought in Elliot Anderson, Ayyoub Bouaddi and Enzo Fernandez for a combined £300m but the Coventry boss will not dwell on the cash gap between the sides.

By GRAHAM HILL

Lampard, 48, said: "The fact that City have done that with their midfield shows the challenge ahead for us.

"That's maybe three times our budget – but we have to find ways to compete. It's realism.

"It can't be envy otherwise you would pack up and go away.

"When they sign top players for big amounts of money, you just understand it.

"We have to focus on what we do.

"If it feels like we're a version of an underdog every week, then that's not a bad thing to have.

"But we have to be at the limit every game."

Chelsea were big spenders during Lampard's 13 years with the club from 2001 to 2014.

But even he did not envisage transfer fees reaching their current level where the best players now fetch in excess of £100m.

He added: "I remember sitting with John Terry towards the end of our Chelsea careers, and wondering if the bubble would – not burst – but level out.

"It had already gone through the roof in our playing careers.

"I didn't see it going again. But that's the reality of the Premier League brand growing vastly over the world.

"That's allowed the finances to go this way."

Lampard has fond memories of his final Prem season as a player with today's hosts – scoring six league goals in 2014-15 as City finished runners-up to Chelsea.

Ex-midfielder Lampard added: "I saw the path they were going on.

"During the year I was there, Khaldoon Al Mubarak, Txiki Begiristain and Ferran Soriano were prominent and in your face at the training ground.

"You could see the route it was going in terms of the style and fundamentals behind the club.

"It was moving at 100mph – but my feeling was they were bringing the club and community with them. I really enjoyed that part.

"It opened my eyes to something being done differently after 13 years at Chelsea.

"I'm not surprised they have continued to move.

"I had my final season there as a player and I was pleased to have that experience.

"I'd always thought I would finish my career at Chelsea but it was clear that wasn't to be and the Manchester City option came up.

"The idea of moving to the champions then was one I was nervous of because of my Chelsea history.

"But I was also quite excited – maybe my ego felt good that they wanted me, even at 36.

"The fans probably thought, 'Who's this coming in after 13 years at Chelsea? What is he going to give?'

"But I tried to give everything."

LAST STAND . . . Lampard ended his Prem career with Manchester City

LEAD 'EM A MERRY DANCE

HAPPY CHAP . . . Ndiaye with his new City shirt after signing on deadline day

Ndiaye waltzes past defenders

ILIMAN NDIAYE credits his dancing dad for his quick stepovers.

By MARTIN BLACKBURN

The Senegal World Cup star – affectionately known as "Skill-iman" by fans – is the son of choreographer Mouhamadou Abdoulaye.

He waltzed into Manchester City this week in a £65million deal and his arrival could well put Phil Foden and a few others in a bit of a spin.

The 26-year-old new boy clearly backs himself to take centre stage at the Etihad after shining down the M62 with Everton in recent seasons.

Ndiaye looked destined for North London at the weekend as Tottenham agreed a fee with the Toffees.

However he preferred to hit pause on the move and wait to see whether City – who were also looking at Liverpool's Cody Gakpo – would revive their interest.

On Monday, he got the news he was waiting for and on deadline day he joined the array of attacking talent at Enzo Maresca's disposal.

While Ndiaye has operated through the middle and could provide back-up for Erling Haaland, he is viewed primarily as a winger – one with dancing feet thanks to his old man.

Ndiaye said: "I was training with my dad before I even had a club. And that was all I was practising, just skills, shooting. I didn't care about anything else.

"My dad made me watch videos of Messi and Ronaldo, Maradona, Pele and wanted me to recreate that on the pitch.

"He taught me everything with his dancing and choreographing, he tried to add it into my game.

"He'd say, 'When you do stepovers, your body has to move like this'.

"I knew from the beginning really it worked quite well."

Despite allowing Jack Grealish to foxtrot in the opposite direction back to Everton, Maresca still has plenty of options to work with out wide.

Antoine Semenyo – who like Ndiaye has spent time in non-league football on his way to the top – has been thriving in the new post-Guardiola system.

Jeremy Doku has not featured in the opening two Prem games due to injury but can be devastating on his day.

Savio, formerly Savinho, may have moved to Tottenham but his fellow Brazilian Allan Elias arrived from Palmeiras in a £32m move.

Throw Ndiaye into the mix too and the

COVENTRY 3pm

SKILL-IMAN . . . Ndiaye in action for Everton against Palace on the opening weekend of the Premier League season

thanks to his choreographer father

new boss has plenty of options to choose from.

Maresca cannot wait to have him out on the pitch and Ndiaye could make his debut at home to Coventry today.

The City gaffer said: "He's so good. In the last two days you can see how good he is.

"In terms of one vs ones, in the last third, inside the box. I'm very happy to have him with us."

But where does it all leave one-club City man Foden?

The 26-year-old is the pride and joy of the Etihad club's academy and has spent a lot of time out on the flanks during his career – and enjoyed great success out there until the last couple of seasons.

He has never made any secret of his desire to play in the middle but places could be limited there – particularly with Rayan Cherki's outstanding start to the season. Foden had one of his best days for his club in some time in the 4-1 win at Crystal Palace on Friday but was still upstaged by the French maverick.

Maresca added: "I think Phil's best position is in the middle. But he's helping the team, because for the first two games we didn't have an option in the wide area, because Jeremy was injured."

What does seem clear is that under Maresca, City are going to be a great watch – and Ndiaye will only add to the entertainment at the Etihad.

He was born in France but moved to England with his family and signed on with Boreham Wood – before joining Sheffield United in 2019.

He was quickly sent out on loan to Hyde United – not too far from his new home in Manchester – before eventually making his mark at Bramall Lane.

His dribbling alerted bigger clubs – and has no doubt appealed to City too. An emotional return to Marseille – one of his boyhood clubs – followed in 2023 but just a year later he was heading back to the Prem with Everton.

Now he makes the move to Manchester with his place in Toffees' folklore guaranteed.

Ndiaye scored the final goal at Goodison Park last summer, as well as the first one in the Hill Dickinson Stadium.

And the Everton faithful have some unforgettable memories – such as stunning individual goals against Tottenham and Chelsea.

A goal at the World Cup in the summer as Senegal reached the last 16 will no doubt have given Ndiaye the appetite to produce his magic on the biggest stages – such as the Champions League.

Now he gets the chance to do that.

CLASS ACT . . . Ndiaye celebrates scoring for Senegal at the World Cup

MARESCA . . . 'energy'

ENZO

From Back Page

times, don't judge players based on how much the club pays for them.

"Not just for Chelsea or City, it's the same for all clubs. It's not correct.

"Enzo is a fantastic player. He's a winner's mentality, he's what we need, he's full of energy.

"And this is the most important thing."

Maresca made midfielder Fernandez his skipper during their time together at Chelsea.

But he has not put the 2022 World Cup winner into his captaincy group at the Etihad following his deadline-day arrival.

Defender Ruben Dias will wear the armband, with support from Erling Haaland, Marc Guehi and Gianluigi Donnarumma.

Italian Maresca, 46, added: "When you belong to a squad and another winning player arrives, they are always happy.

"In the last few days, players were asking if he is coming because they want him to be with us.

"It's very important he is with us and we are 100 per cent happy with that.

"When you want to compete for titles, it's more important to have players that already know how to do that than players who never have.

"Enzo is not the only one. This squad has many players who know how to win titles and this is what we were looking for."

Phil Foden, 26, City's longest-serving player after joining at Under-9 level, made a bid to be in the leadership group.

But Maresca said: "Marc was already captain with Crystal Palace, so he has the experience, Gigi is the captain of Italy, so he has the experience.

"I was thinking about Phil, because Phil is one of the guys from this club.

"He's not in but, for me, he's also one of the captains, one of the players that belong to that group."

Coady's Car ride

CONOR COADY has replaced Ashley Cole on Lee Carsley's England Under-21s coaching staff — just days after leaving Championship Wrexham.

The former Three Lions defender, 33, signed for the Red Dragons in a £2million deal last summer.

He struggled for games, and after a loan at Charlton, his contract was ripped up this week.

And the FA announced that he and Paul Williams will assist Carsley as the defending champs attempt to qualify for next summer's Under-21 Euros.

The role became available when Arsenal and Chelsea legend Cole left his role as Carsley's No 2.

O'NEILL . . . 'really sad'

Firm 'No' to away support

By ROSS GREGORY

CELTIC and Rangers away fans will be barred from Old Firm derbies this term.

The SPFL announced the ban after Celtic challenged their Glasgow rivals' decision to give them 300 tickets for the Premier Sports Cup tie at Ibrox on September 13.

Rangers had cut the allocation from the agreed 2,500 seats in response to trouble at the Scottish Cup quarter-final between the two clubs in March.

An SPFL statement read: "After the events of March 8 and the publication of the Independent Review, fixture arrangements were reconsidered."

Celtic manager Martin O'Neill said: "From a punter's viewpoint, it's really sad. Away fans make this a great fixture."

Rangers manager Derek McInnes said: "It's always better when opposition fans are allowed in. But there have still got to be behaviours met."

MAT SPLAT IN INJURY FARCE

BRIGHTON'S Mats Wieffer is out for up to four matches after a bizarre knee injury when he was smacked in the FACE by the ball.

Wieffer, 26, was crocked at Chelsea on Sunday. Albion boss Fabian Hurzeler said: "Mats was hit in the face by the ball. He had control of his body, then his legs got in a strange position."

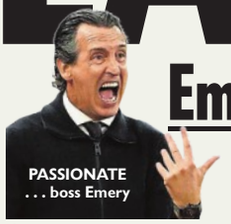
PREM

HULL v ASTON VILLA

5.30pm sky sports

VILLA SPARK

Emery motivated by his squad rebuild



PASSIONATE . . . boss Emery

By GRAHAM HILL

UNAI EMERY insists he is 'passionate and motivated' as he continues his Aston Villa 2.0 relaunch.

The Spaniard, 54, has rebuilt his squad this summer with 11 new faces arriving at Villa Park.

And Emery's remarks have ended any speculation about his future after seeing six of his Europa League-winning starting XI leave – including keeper Emi Martinez as well as England trio Ezri Konsa, Morgan Rogers and Ollie Watkins.

Despite failing to score in their opening two Premier League defeats, Emery made it clear he is still positive ahead of today's trip to Hull.

He said: "I haven't lost my passion, this is very important and my first objective. I want to watch the team at Hull and see how we respond.

"I'm excited and motivated and feeling positive. We are progressing every day."

Villa go into their Champions League campaign without striker Brian Madjo, 17, and Taylor Harwood-Bellis, 24, after Emery made the "difficult" decision to leave them out of the 22-man squad.

Emery's side kick-off their European adventure away to Belgian side Club Brugge on Tuesday.

Madjo, who scored in last month's 2-1 Uefa Super Cup defeat to Paris Saint-Germain, has a foot injury and is not expected to be fit until October.

The teenager and THB cannot now play in Europe until the new year – if Villa progress to the knockout stage of the Champions League.

Emery added: "It was difficult. I spoke with Taylor and explained why and he understood.

"For other players like Madjo, there are different circumstances.

"Hopefully, he will be available after the international break and the next challenge is for him to get into the squad in January.

"Madjo is 17. He'll have more opportunities to play with us this year and the next years in Europe.

"Taylor will be here for a long time and, hopefully, he'll have the opportunity to play in Europe with us, in January maybe."

Fellow new signings Leon Goretzka and Ibrahim Mbaye, as well as Harwood-Bellis, could make their Villa debuts at Hull this evening.

Match preview — Goals Pages 6, 7

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PREM FOREST v TOTTENHAM 3pm

From Uxbridge to Ballon d'Or

RDZ'S HUGE MUDRYK CLAIM

RICHARLISON

Roberto defends Rich axe

By TOM BARCLAY

ROBERTO DE ZERBI was ready to offer Richarlison a new deal earlier this summer.

The Brazil striker has been axed from Spurs' Prem squad and is training away from the first team after asking to leave.

Richarlison, 29 — the club's 11-goal top league scorer last term — could not agree personal terms over a £35million Everton return before the transfer window shut.

He now faces four months on the sidelines unless he can sort a move, with the Brazilian and Saudi windows still open.

Boss De Zerbi said: "At the start of pre-season, I spoke to Richarlison and asked him if he wanted to extend his deal.

"I was happy to keep him but he didn't want to.

"Richarlison is a good player. He was important last season. He's a good guy, yes.

"But I had to stop putting pressure on players if they want to leave.

"So I'm sorry for him but we have to work with Dominic Solanke and Omar Marmoush."

Richarlison, not involved at Nottingham Forest today, vowed his future will NOT be decided by others in a social media post on Monday.

But De Zerbi added: "Richarlison, he decided everything alone."

Oli saves Reddies

By GRAHAM HILL

OLIVER GLASNER turned down the offer to sign more new players at the City Ground.

Nottingham Forest owner Evangelos Marinakis, usually a big deadline-day spender, was ready to fund deals.

And boss Glasner revealed: "They said do you want a player here, another here — but I said 'no'.

"I must be the first manager who helped Mr Marinakis save money!

"But I completely trust the players we have now.

"If you always add ten new players, how can they get to know each other?

"The foundation of success is consistency."

Record £45million buy Liam Delap is set for a home debut against Tottenham today.

MYKHAILO MUDRYK kept fit by training at non-league Uxbridge during his 20-month ban — but Roberto De Zerbi still reckons he can become the world's best player.

By TOM BARCLAY EXCLUSIVE

The Ukraine winger, who joined Tottenham on a season-long loan on deadline day from Chelsea *(left)*, is in line for his first senior appearance since November 2024.

Spurs boss De Zerbi says Mudryk is ready to play 15 to 30 minutes of today's match at Nottingham Forest.

It has been a long, lonely road back to the big time for the 25-year-old, who was not even allowed to access Chelsea's training ground or work with club staff while he was suspended for breaching the FA's anti-doping rules.

The £88million star maintained his fitness using the 3G pitch at seventh-tier Uxbridge for his own sessions from early 2025 until his initial four-year ban was lifted at the end of July.

Uxbridge chairman Mark Bantock told SunSport: "I wouldn't know the intricacies of his case.

"He's a young man trying to make his living and, obviously, desperate to play football. I assume timelines of when everything was going to happen were unknown to him.

"But he made the commitment to keeping himself in good shape and honing his football skills during his ban.

"One way to look back on it is that by doing that, he is now in a position to sign for Tottenham.

"You've got to give him a lot of credit for that.

"Human nature could well have been that, if he felt he had been dealt a poor hand of cards, he could have thrown it in, let himself go and not have been in a position to get back to playing top-level professional football.

"But fingers crossed, he will do that in a short period of time for Spurs."

Chelsea beat Arsenal to Mudryk's signature from Shakhtar Donetsk in January 2023.

He scored ten goals in 73 Blues appearances but his career came to a juddering halt after returning an "adverse finding" for banned substance meldonium in November 2024.

During his exclusion, Mudryk picked Uxbridge for his solo sessions due to its location, state-of-the-art artificial surface and privacy.

He would train two or three times a week and at first would bring with him a private trainer, a goalkeeper and someone to film his sessions for analysis.

In the weeks before his ban was lifted, that increased to up to ten other players for mini-games as he upped the intensity and competitiveness of his sessions.

It would include a fitness coach and two or three players to cross the ball to him and to dribble past.

Bantock added: "The other lads that he got in here were invariably young, probably non-league footballers at a much lower level to him.

"So he always stood out with his technique and his abilities as a footballer.

"He was always very polite. There were no long conversations.

"I don't know how fluent his English is. We got used to seeing each other on a head-nodding basis!

"But he was always very respectful of us and our facility. He used to come, do what he did, and go."

Back in 2022, Italian boss De Zerbi *(left)* said the wideman was capable of winning the Ballon d'Or while Mudryk has described his former Shakhtar Donetsk manager as his "football father".

De Zerbi said yesterday: "When I spoke about the Ballon d'Or, I was speaking about the potential of the player.

"The potential of the player can be the same and can respect the prediction or not. Until now, he has had many problems – but the potential is clear. Now his challenge is to respect all his qualities."

GRASSROOTS . . . Mudryk trains at Uxbridge

£300M SPENT & STILL A MESS — TROY DEENEY, GOALS P2-3

(3.0 unless stated)

TODAY

PREMIER LEAGUE

1 Brentford v Sunderland
2 Brighton v Leeds
3 Fulham v Crystal Palace
4 Man City v Coventry
5 Nottm Forest v Tottenham Hotspur
6 Hull v Aston Villa (Sky Sports Main Event) 5.30
Newcastle v AFC Bournemouth (TNT Sports 1) 12.30

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP

9 Burnley v Bristol City
Lincoln City v Southampton 12.30
10 Millwall v Bolton
11 Portsmouth v Cardiff
Preston NE v Blackburn (Sky Sports Main Event) 12.30
12 QPR v Middlesbrough
13 Sheff Utd v Norwich
Stoke v Charlton 12.30
14 West Brom v Watford
15 West Ham v Derby
16 Swansea v Wrexham (Sky Sports Main Event) 8.0

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE

18 Barnsley v Stevenage
19 Bradford v Mansfield
20 Burton Albion v Cambridge Utd
21 Doncaster v Plymouth
22 Huddersfield v Notts County
23 Leicester v Oxford Utd
24 Luton v Leyton Orient
Peterborough v Sheff Wed 12.30
25 Reading v Blackpool
Wigan v Stockport County 12.30
26 Wycombe v Milton Keynes Dons

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

27 Accrington Stanley v Crawley Tn
28 Bristol Rovers v Rotherham
29 Cheltenham v Grimsby
30 Chesterfield v Barnet
31 Crewe v York
32 Exeter v Walsall
Fleetwood Tn v Shrewsbury 12.30
33 Northampton v Newport County
34 Rochdale v Gillingham
Salford City v Port Vale 12.30
35 Swindon v Colchester
36 Tranmere v Oldham

WILLIAM HILL PREMIERSHIP

37 Aberdeen v Kilmarnock
38 Dundee Utd v Falkirk
39 Rangers v Motherwell
40 St Mirren v Celtic (Sky Sports Football) 8.0

WILLIAM HILL CHAMPIONSHIP

43 Arbroath v Dunfermline
44 Inverness CT v Raith
45 Partick v Ayr
46 Queen's Park v Morton

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE ONE

Cove Rangers v Alloa
East Fife v Ross County
East Kilbride v Hamilton
Peterhead v Montrose
Queen of South v Airdrieonians

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE TWO

Clyde v Edinburgh City
Dumbarton v Elgin
Forfar v Stranraer
Kelty Hearts v Annan Athletic
Stirling v Spartans

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL

AFC Fylde v Worthing
Aldershot v FC Halifax 12.30
Barrow v Sutton Utd
Boreham Wood v Carlisle 5.30
Gateshead v Solihull Moors
Hartlepool v Woking
Hornchurch v Forest Green
Scunthorpe v Harrogate Tn
Southend v Yeovil 12.30
Tamworth v Boston Utd
Wealdstone v Kidderminster

SERIE A

Fiorentina v Torino 2.0
47 Inter Milan v Napoli 5.0
48 Roma v Atalanta 7.45

ENTERPRISE NORTH - Bedford Tn v Radcliffe, Brackley v Harborough Tn, Darlington v King's Lynn Tn, Hebburn Tn v Chester FC, Hednesford Tn v South Shields, Hereford FC v Spennymoor Tn, Marine v Worksop Tn, Merthyr Tn v Macclesfield FC, Morecambe v Buxton, Oxford City v Chorley, Scarborough Athletic v AFC Telford, Spalding Utd v Southport.

ENTERPRISE SOUTH - AFC Totton v Hampton & Richmond, Billericay v Dorking Wanderers, Chelmsford v Salisbury FC, Dover v Maidenhead Utd, Farnborough v Tonbridge Angels, Hemel Hempstead v Farnham Tn, Horsham v Dag & Red, Maidstone Utd v Weston-S-Mare, Slough v Braintree Tn, Torquay v Folkestone Invicta, Truro City v Chesham Utd, Walton & Hersham v Ebbsfleet United.

FA WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE

Chelsea v Aston Villa (BBC 1) 12.30

TOMORROW

PREMIER LEAGUE

7 Everton v Man Utd (Sky Sports Main Event) 2.0
8 Arsenal v Chelsea (Sky Sports Main Event) 4.30

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP

17 Birmingham v Wolverhampton (Sky Sports Football) 12.0

WILLIAM HILL PREMIERSHIP

41 Hearts v Dundee
42 St Johnstone v Hibernian (Premier Sports)

SERIE A

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Parma v Monza 2.0

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Charlton v Liverpool FC 2.0
Crystal Palace v Everton 2.0
Man City v Birmingham City 2.30
Tottenham Hotspur v West Ham 12.0

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Durham v Southampton 12.0
Ipswich v Nottm Forest 2.0
Newcastle v Wolverhampton 2.0
Sheff Utd v Leicester 2.0
Sunderland v Bristol City 2.0

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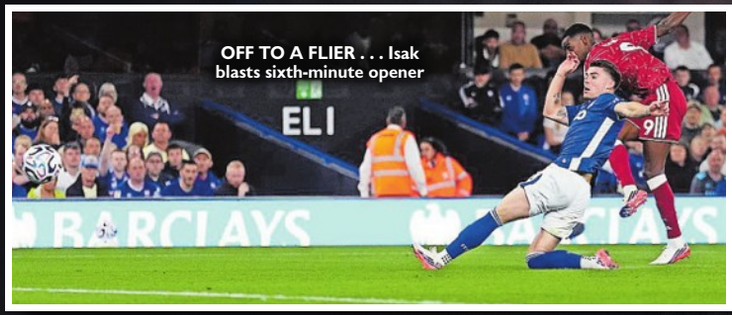
IPSWICH 0



OFF TO A FLIER . . . Isak blasts sixth-minute opener

HAVING A BALL . . . Gakpo's fine pass sets up the opener

Gak back on Trac

CODY BAGS TWO ASSISTS TO MAKE MOCKERY OF SALE BID

CODY GAKPO could have been pulling on a Manchester City or Spurs shirt today.

By **CHARLIE WYETT**

So by accident, Liverpool have avoided a transfer market cock-up which would have returned to haunt them.

Dutchman Gakpo continued his stunning start to the season by setting up Alexander Isak's two goals in the opening nine minutes against the Tractor Boys.

Yes, they have once again spent over £200million on players this summer.

And yes, they have shelled out for their third £100m-plus capture in Bradley Barcola, who made his debut in the 64th minute.

Yet an important player for Andoni Iraola was right under his nose. In an era when top quality forwards are at a premium – hence the crazy fees - it is simply mind-boggling Liverpool were open to selling Gakpo.

The 27-year-old's passing for Isak's two goals illustrated his ability and he was the team's most effective player in the 2-2 draw with Newcastle on the opening day when he scored.

Gakpo also impressed in the 2-2 draw with Nottingham Forest where he delivered another assist for Isak.

So in the first 190 minutes of the Prem season, Gakpo set up three goals and scored one.

It seems Everton were not the only club on Merseyside to lose the plot before the window shut.

Liverpool only kept Gakpo because they could not agree a fee for Brighton's Yankuba Minteh and were not sure about Crystal Palace's Ismaila Sarr.

Yet Gakpo's performance was not the only highlight in Suffolk with Isak showing that, maybe, he could have a decent season despite his problems with form and injury last term.

The £130m signing from Newcastle has already scored three times in the Premier League, the same as last year.

And while he was helped by some poor goalkeeping from Ipswich's Kjell Scherpen and bad defending by Jacob Greaves, his finishes were still decent.

Ipswich were poor and the Reds will have much bigger tests ahead, starting with the Champions League game against Atletico Madrid on Wednesday.

While Liverpool's latest raft of recruits will look to bed in – and winger Victor Munoz looks decent, is lightning-quick and works hard – the versatile Gakpo will still have a huge role.

For Ipswich, after losing 5-2 at Manchester United on Sunday, this was another harsh lesson after an encouraging opening-day win over Sunderland.

New manager Gary O'Neil will be worried by the way winger Abdul Fatawu was beaten to a

8 **ALEXANDER ISAK took just 8min 42sec to score his two goals — the earliest a Reds player has scored twice in the Premier League since Maxi Rodriguez v Fulham in May 2011. Isak has netted five times in his two Prem games at Portman Road.**

19 **IPSWICH were beaten at home in a league game for the first time in 19 attempts (W12 D6), with their last loss at Portman Road coming when they slumped 3-0 to Charlton on October 21.**

LIVERPOOL 2

ISAK 6, 9

DEFENCE SPLITTER . . . second comes after Gakpo finds Isak with an outside-of-the-boot pass from range

MATCH STATS

IPSWICH		LIVERPOOL
14	SHOTS	10
5	SHOTS ON TARGET	7
45%	POSSESSION	55%
428	PASSES	523
357	COMPLETED PASSES	462
16	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	21
4	CORNERS	3
6	FOULS CONCEDED	13
1/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	3/0
	MATCH TIME: 97m 13s	
	BALL IN PLAY: 59m 08s	

PREM TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man City	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
Arsenal	2	2	0	0	4	0	6
Hull	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Chelsea	2	2	0	0	7	5	6
Liverpool	3	1	2	0	6	4	5
Brentford	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
Newcastle	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Everton	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Leeds	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Brighton	2	1	0	1	7	4	3
Man Utd	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
Sunderland	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Ipswich	3	1	0	2	4	8	3
Bournemouth	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Nottm Forest	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Fulham	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Coventry	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
Crystal Palace	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
Aston Villa	2	0	0	2	0	5	0
Tottenham	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

ICE COOL ALEX . . . Isak slots home his second as Liverpool wrapped it up inside ten minutes

challenge by Milos Kerkez and new Argentine signing Exequiel Palacios was outmanoeuvred by Gakpo – although his pass to Isak was outstanding.

The Swede seized on some hesitation from Greaves and unleashed a thunderbolt which went through Scherpen.

Centre-half Greaves struggled against United at Old Trafford and his torrid spell continued.

After another delicious pass from Gakpo he was turned inside out by Isak, who rolled a shot past keeper Scherpen who was all over the place.

Dominik Szoboszlai had so much room in midfield and he forced a couple of decent saves.

Gakpo also accidentally helped out at the back when Alisson missed a corner. The ball hit his team-mate and ended up back in his arms.

The hosts tried, with Julio Enciso having a shot blocked by Alexis Mac Allister and Leif Davis heading over.

Isak scored a hat-trick on his last visit here for Newcastle in 2024 and he thought he had got a third but was just offside.

Szoboszlai had a penalty shout after being fouled by Davis but VAR spotted an offside in the build-up.

Ipswich were not a threat up front, even though the Reds defence went into this game low on confidence.

When Alisson spilled a shot from Enciso, Emersonn had not thought about taking a gamble for a rebound. Equally, Ipswich should still be OK and after spending £181.9m this summer, their new arrivals will also take time to settle.

Two years ago, they did not have enough quality under Kieran McKenna.

But due to their huge spending, plus the fact O'Neil is a decent manager, they will have enough to stay up this time around.

Still, Ipswich will be happy they won't be facing Gakpo and Isak every week.

HOW THEY LINED UP

IPSWICH: Scherpen, O'Shea, Diop, Greaves, Davis, Lukic, Palacios (Ouattara 78), Fatawu (McAteer 79), Enciso, Maeda (Clarke 66), Emersonn (Flemming 66).

LIVERPOOL: Alisson, Araujo, Jacquet, Van Dijk, Kerkez, Szoboszlai, Mac Allister (Nyoni 84), Munoz (Barcola 64), Wirtz (Koumas 90), Gakpo, Isak (Gravenberch 64).

DUTCH OF CLASS . . . Gakpo created both goals

21 LIVERPOOL are unbeaten in their last 21 games against teams called Town (W16 D5) — since a 2-1 League Cup defeat to Grimsby in October 2001.

NEXT GAMES

SAT SEP 12 3PM — Premier League — Crystal Palace (away)

WED 8PM — Champions League — Atletico Madrid (home)

DEAN . . . under pressure

Clubs to probe ref claims

By MARTIN LIPTON

PREM clubs have opened their own probes into former ref Mike Dean — after he claimed to have played "mini-games" while in charge of matches.

Now Dean is under pressure to explain or clarify comments made on the Jamie Vardy podcast.

The suggestion he may have been in gross dereliction of his duties led some club chiefs to ask their video analysts if they can find evidence of misconduct.

Dean, 58, stepped down as a Prem ref in 2022 but worked as a VAR the following campaign.

The Wirral-based ex-whistler caused outrage with his suggestion he would set himself challenges in matches.

He said he would see how long he could go from the start of a match without blowing his whistle, claiming it was up to "20, 25 minutes".

In fact, the longest he went without a peep were 18 minutes 50 seconds in a game between West Brom and Manchester United and 18 minutes 20 seconds in a Baggies clash against Stoke.

Dean also claimed to have stood in the centre circle for "about 15 minutes" after the start of another match.

His comments brought shock, anger and disbelief at refs' organisation Pro Ref, where he is felt to have become little more than an attention-seeker.

Some at Pro Ref were convinced he was simply playing to the audience.

Indeed, an insider from the Jamie Vardy podcast said: "We didn't think he was being serious.

"It felt like he just wanted to be one of the lads and say some funny stuff. He wanted to have a bit of banter to be one of the lads."

It is a distraction at the start of a campaign in which refs' chief Howard Webb wants to make his officials more accountable for their decision-making.

Webb took charge of the organisation after Dean hung up his whistle.

SunSport's Whistleblower, Mark Halsey, dismissed the boasts as "nonsense" and accused his former colleague of being on an "ego trip".

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LIVERPOOL landed St Etienne's wonderkid Djylian N'Guessan for a cut-price £4.3million. The French star, 18, will join the Reds in January but spend the rest of the season on loan at Ligue 1 Brest.

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JAMES . . . midfield role

Reece is Xab fab in centre

By JACK ROSSER

XABI ALONSO is backing Reece James to become one of the world's best midfielders.

Chelsea's captain looks set to play there a lot this season after a deadline-day move for Monaco's Lamine Camara collapsed.

The French club KO'd a late deal for the 22-year-old Senegalese — leaving Blues a midfielder short following Enzo Fernandez's exit to Manchester City.

Despite frustration over Camara, Alonso has no concerns about a lack of depth in the middle after seeing James' encouraging performances in the role.

The England man, 26, is one of Europe's top right-backs when fit — but has shone in midfield across his career when needed.

Spaniard Alonso, 44, was a top-class midfielder himself at the likes of Liverpool and Real Madrid.

Asked if James could be a world beater in there, Alonso said: "I'd say so. He's very comfortable and confident in that position.

"He has the intelligence to play there. He'll have a lot of minutes in there."

With Moises Caicedo a doubt for tomorrow's trip to Arsenal, James is likely to start in the middle.

The skipper appeared to have overcome long-term injury woes last season before picking up another issue at the World Cup.

Alonso added: "It's a big dilemma, the injury prevention. We do need to manage the minutes."

Martinez now No1

By DANNY RUST

EMILIANO MARTINEZ has switched his squad number just days after joining Chelsea.

But the Argentine keeper vowed to sign any shirts already snapped up by supporters.

Martinez, 34, took on the No 26 as he made his debut in Sunday's 4-3 win over Brighton having arrived from Aston Villa.

But he has given up the number after ONE GAME at Stamford Bridge and is taking on the No 1 shirt following Robert Sanchez's loan move to Como.

Yet the club confirmed: "Emi has kindly offered to sign all 'Martinez 26' shirts bought via the club megastore or website.

"To arrange this, fans will be required to bring this shirt to Stamford Bridge by October 4."

I was in awe of Morgan... and he was only four!

ROGERS TORE DEFENCES APART

COLDEN BOY . . . Rogers starring for Villa and England

MORGAN ROGERS has been terrorising defenders since he was FOUR.

The man who first spotted the talent of Chelsea's £117million signing is adamant that the England international stood out from very young.

And tomorrow Rogers heads to Arsenal – who also wanted to sign him this summer – hoping to continue the Blues' 100 per cent start to this season.

The Gunners were unwilling to go much above the £80m they offered Aston Villa for the attacker and it could come back to haunt them at the Emirates.

Rogers, 24, started his amazing journey in his home town of Halesowen in the West Midlands.

Birmingham City cult hero Paul Tait organises soccer schools in the south of the city and remembers

By **COLIN TATTUM**

EXCLUSIVE

the day Rogers first crossed his path. He said: "I ran – and still run – a Saturday morning coaching course for kids in Halesowen. Morgan's parents brought him in when he was four.

"From the outset, he was a different level to everyone else. Even at that age. "His dribbling. Awareness. Speed. He could kick with both feet. His movement. I was in awe of him."

Tait, a teen prodigy for Birmingham back in the day, moved Rogers up the groups until he was embarrassing the ten to 13-year-old section at about six.

And Tait, 55, had links with the late, respected talent spotter Steve Hopcroft, who worked at Birmingham before moving to West Brom and then Villa.

Tait said: "I used to really like the Albion set-up back then. I formed a link with them through Steve – who sadly passed away a few months ago – and Mark Harrison, who was then the Baggies' academy manager.

"Any players I thought would warrant further development, I took them there.

"Morgan went and after one session Hoppy rang and said, 'We want him'."

Rogers was playing for local team Halas Hawks by this stage and had to sacrifice Saturday mornings with Tait.

Tait said: "I just asked the kids to go out there and express themselves.

"I think that's how he thrived. He's gone on record saying he could do anything he wanted and enjoyed it.

"When players join academy set-ups, they mould them into what they want – into robots, a lot of them.

"I just give them the opportunity to be free and play with a smile on their face, which is what he did."

Rogers moved from the Baggies to Manchester City's academy before Middlesbrough signed him in July 2023.

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BLUE 'EM AWAY . . . Rogers hails scorer Neto in 4-3 win over Brighton and (above) as a kid with his first club Halas Hawks

AS A TOT, SAYS BRUM ICON TAIT

When he was snapped up by Villa in the 2024 winter window for an initial £8m, there were some internal doubts before manager Unai Emery pressed the green light.

Tait *(right)* revealed: "I spoke to Hopcroft about Morgan nine months or so before Villa signed him.

"They weren't too enamoured with him at this stage. They thought he'd 'dropped off a bit'. They'd watched him and were umming and ahing.

"The next thing you know, they went and bought him.

"It shows what can happen in football. It's about maybe having that bit of luck – or a manager who has faith in you."

And then some. Rogers was Emery's go-to guy within days of him arriving at Villa Park from Teesside.

A trademark of Emery's sides is the use of a free spirit – someone allowed to pop up anywhere along the frontline.

That took Rogers back to his roots, and led to Villa banking a whopping profit on the player, even with Boro cashing in on a hefty sell-on clause.

Tait added: "To get the best out of him, you have got to let him do what he was doing at Villa.

"He can find space. He's intelligent. He knows where to go on a pitch.

"You don't want to turn him into a regimented player. Xabi Alonso is a top manager and I'm sure he won't.

"His work ethic is very good. He's not one-dimensional. He is a big, strong boy, 6ft 3in. He doesn't get pushed off the ball.

"With Cole Palmer – who has something to prove after not going to the World Cup – they will work well together.

"But as for Chelsea, I am not sure. I don't know what to expect of them.

"Gone are those days when you knew what you were getting and who would start. The Terrys, Lampards, Drogbas.

"They now have that many players, you can't keep track, and loads of youngsters who are loaned out. It's a massive business, Chelsea.

"So, it does worry me a bit for Morgan and how it's going to pan out.

"What is their identity? But I have every confidence in his ability.

"It's been some journey for him and I truly hope he goes on to smash it at Stamford Bridge.

"It's amazing to think back to all those years ago, when he was a little lad running around in mud in Halesowen having fun.

"Then winning the Europa League with Villa, playing for England, starring for Chelsea and costing £117m.

"Did I think that he'd go on to do all that? No, of course not. But his talent shone through like a beacon.

"So, no one could have predicted it. But did I think it was possible? One hundred per cent – yes."

EARLY DAYS . . . at Baggies (left) and then Boro as a teen

KONSA . . . may start

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our players. I just really value what we have created together.

"The ambition is great. To have the ambition always to be better — especially to evolve the things we already have within the club — has to be there.

"Do not lose the perspective we already have, which is amazing."

Arsenal's only attacking signing this summer was Christos Tzolis from Club Brugge for £34million.

But they did bring in Newcastle captain Bruno Guimaraes for £75m and defender Ezri Konsa from Aston Villa in a £55m deal.

That is why Arteta believes his squad is stronger than last season as they bid to defend their Premier League crown.

He explained: "This is what I feel. Now we have to prove it. We are better equipped.

"We have more players available than we had at the start of last season.

"We have increased the quality and increased the leadership in the team, which is very important."

Konsa made his Arsenal debut on Monday off the bench at his old club Villa in the Gunners' 1-0 win.

He is now pushing to start tomorrow as fellow centre-back Cristhian Mosquera remains doubtful with a hamstring issue.

And Brazil midfielder Guimaraes also faces a late fitness test after a knock at Villa Park.

Jurrien Timber — who has not played since the Champions League final in May due to a groin injury — is back training.

Arteta added: "He's in really good condition now. He's in a good place and we'll decide after training [if he is in the squad]."

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SLIDE SHOW . . . Isak celebrates his Reds opener and (inset) new £123m signing Barcola

Two-goal Isak flicks a 'swich

By CHARLIE WYETT

ALEXANDER ISAK'S best night in a Liverpool shirt finally got the Andoni Iraola era up and running.

The Swedish striker's double inside the opening ten minutes against Ipswich fired new boss Iraola to a first Reds victory.

Isak's two goals in **167 SECONDS** means he has already matched his top-flight tally of three from the whole of last season.

Skipper Virgil van Dijk said: "Isak will show the world how good he is in a Liverpool shirt."

Reds' £123million star Bradley Barcola came on for his debut.

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FERNANDEZ . . . debut

Enzo fee is not key

Man City v Coventry
3pm

By MARTIN BLACKBURN

ENZO MARESCA says Enzo Fernandez should not be judged on the size of his transfer as he prepares to make his debut today.

Manchester City equalled the British record for an initial fee by paying Chelsea £125million for the Argentina international, 25.

And Maresca claims the winning mentality the star brings is more important than what he cost.

Ahead of the clash with Coventry, the Etihad boss insisted: "I've said many

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Mikel calm plea after no 'bucket list' signings

GUNNER SHINE . . . Arteta signed likes of Guimaraes

By SIMON COLLINGS

MIKEL ARTETA urged Arsenal fans not to panic after missing out on a "bucket list" attacking signing.

The Gunners failed with big-money moves for Vinicius Jr, Julian Alvarez and Morgan Rogers this summer.

England star Rogers lines up against the champions for Chelsea tomorrow – but Arteta wants supporters to focus on the talent already in his squad.

The Arsenal boss said: "People write a lot about bucket lists. But sometimes we forget the things we already have in our life that are incredible.

"Yet you put so much emphasis on them that nothing seems to be enough. That's why I said about how much I love

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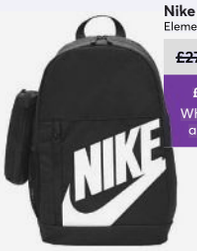

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Haydock going to be a slog

By MARK NEVIN

TODAY's Sprint Cup at Haydock will be run on heavy ground after 23mm of rain fell on Thursday night.

The forecast is expected to be dry for today's £400,000 feature, but the field has already been reduced to eight runners after Jim Goldie declared American Affair a non-runner yesterday morning.

Market leaders Almeraq, Kind Of Blue and Marvelman are all expected to handle conditions, but Clive Cox's Coppull is on the drift and looks unlikely to run due to conditions.

Daniel Cooper (*above*), clerk of the course, said: "It was a lot of rain but the track has taken it well.

"The ground is heavy but they will be able to get through it well."

Jose's easy on the eye

By MARK NEVIN

NO way, Jose!

The Brian Meehan-trained San Jose looked a colt with a huge future as he made all the running to win the seven-furlong maiden at Ascot by two and three-quarter lengths from Impasto, with Korsakov in third.

The well-backed 15-8 favourite – ridden by James Doyle – was always in control and despite running green inside the final furlong, he hit the line well and impressed his rider.

Doyle said: "He's got an engine, this fella, I liked the way he galloped out as he was completely clueless in the last furlong."

Course specialist Hickory notched his fourth win at the track by swooping late to land the feature handicap.

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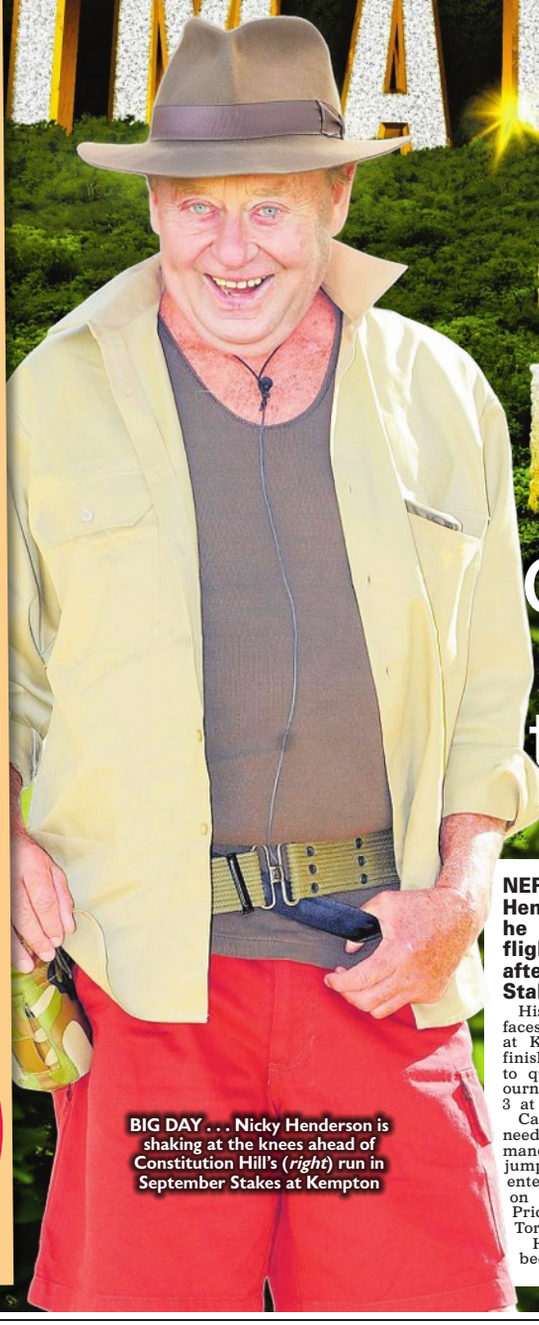

BIG DAY . . . Nicky Henderson is shaking at the knees ahead of Constitution Hill's (*right*) run in September Stakes at Kempton

Con faces big bushtucker trial with Cup bid on line

NERVOUS Nicky Henderson hopes he can book his flight Down Under after the September Stakes today.

By GRAHAM CLARK

His **Constitution Hill** faces his biggest trial yet at Kempton and has to finish in the first three to qualify for the Melbourne Cup on November 3 at Flemington.

Campmate Nicky needs a five-star performance from his former jumping champ as he enters the jungle to take on top-class Gethin, Pride Of Arras and Tornado Alert.

Hendo said: "He has been ready to go for a couple of weeks now. It is a massive task as he is the lowest-rated horse in the race, but we need to get that third run into him.

"There has been so much speculation before the race, but hopefully on Sunday we will be discussing somewhere to go where it will be a bit sexy, and fun!

"There are loads of options, and the Melbourne Cup is one, but it is the wildest one.

"He has to finish in the first three here, and he has to go up seven pounds to get in there, so he has got to put up

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ONE AL OF A CHANCE . . . Almeraq (7) will have no issues with the soft ground at Haydock and may even be better for it, says former jockey Jim Crowley

A FALL off the horse ended his riding career, but the one jockey who has ridden Sprint Cup hope Almeraq on testing ground is confident he will lap up conditions at Haydock today.

Jim Crowley would have every reason to turn a blind eye when Almeraq reappears live at 3.40pm on ITV.

At York, in September of last year, he partnered Almeraq in the Garrowby Stakes when a furlong from the finish his mount clipped heels and came down before rolling directly over the stricken jockey.

As a result, Crowley suffered complex fractures to his pelvis and leg, and last month retired from the saddle.

Today, though, soon-to-be-training Crowley will be doing anything but looking the other way and will be rooting for his former partner in crime.

"I'll be cheering him on and can't wait," Crowley said. "He deserves to bag another Group 1.

"It's been a fantastic performance by William Haggas to get him back after what happened."

The first two races of Almeraq's career were on a soft surface. He finished second on debut at Newbury and then landed a novice at Yarmouth. On both occasions he was ridden by Crowley, and he knows better than most whether the horse who landed

MATT CHAPMAN
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Jim's sure old pal Al can make Hay on soft

the Group 1 Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot on good to firm in June will relish a return to a juicy surface.

"He should handle the cut in the ground - I think he could be better on it, if I'm honest," Crowley added. That's good enough for me.

Almeraq is due to take on seven rivals in the Betfair-sponsored six-furlong dash, headed by **Kind Of Blue**, who loves testing going and chased home **Big Mojo** this time last year. The latter is back to defend his crown, while **Marvelman**, **Paborus** and **Coppull** may all have more to give.

I was due to go to Haydock for ITV, but earlier in the week was re-routed to Kempton for Constitution Hill day! Bring it on.

The former Champion Hurdle hero has his third run on the Flat in the Group 3 William Hill September Stakes over a mile and a half.

On paper he's the worst horse in the field, rated 101, but for those who deduct 40lb from a jumper's mark to get their Flat one he technically could be anything up to 135!

That's not going to happen, but it shows how it's impossible to rule him out. If he's in the first three he could yet be aimed at the Melbourne Cup. It's a funny old game.

Hoping to take the scalp of Constitution Hill are **Gethin** and Tornado Alert. The former has won at Kempton but flopped at Sandown last time in the Eclipse. He needs to bounce back.

I like **TORNADO ALERT** (2.50) who runs for Saeed Bin Suroor and Oisin Murphy.

Tornado Alert finished sixth in the Derby behind Lambourn last year and won a Group 1 in Germany at the end of the season.

This term he returned with a fourth behind Tiffany at Hoppegarten and that should have put him spot on for this.

It's a belting weekend of action, and tomorrow crack milers **Gstaad** and **Opera Ballo** take each other on in the Qatar Prix du Moulin de Longchamp, which also features Queen Anne hero Ten Bob Tony.

Irish 2,000 Guineas winner Gstaad deserves another big prize having chased home Bow Echo in the 2,000 Guineas, St James's Palace and Sussex Stakes.

The going, though, will be perfect for Ed Walker's **TEN BOB TONY** (3.25). who should be a huge player.

Also at Longchamp, **Sparan Nua** (2.50) tries to make up for her unlucky second in the Yorkshire Oaks when she tackles a deep Prix Vermeille, while Arc hero **Daryz** (4.35) is back at the track he reigned supreme in the Group 2 Prix Foy. Waiting for him is the Coronation Cup hero **Bay City Roller**, who gives George Scott a major chance of a huge win.

All eyes will be on Irish Derby victor **Benvenuto Cellini** (4.00) in the Prix Niel, although the ground may be softer than ideal.

Sit back and enjoy. This is a weekend of racing to savor. *Yeeehaaa*!

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MAN OF THE HOUR

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Red-hot Balding can bag Haydock honours

Family fortunes

BLUE ON GLORY TRAIL AS

TOP TEAM . . . James and Tom Fanshawe

By GRAHAM CLARK

WORKING with your family might drive some up the wall, but there is no other way trainer James Fanshawe would have it.

The popular Newmarket trainer, supported by his wife Jacko, has run a tight ship from his base at Pegasus Stables for more than 35 years.

And as of next year Fanshawe will welcome his son, and current assistant trainer Tom, 29, on to the licence at one of Flat racing's most historic yards.

But for those thinking it's a case of a trainer simply offering a handout to his son, think again.

Fanshawe, 65, said: "Even when Tom was at school he was riding out on his holidays and was always interested in racing.

"He has spent time with Christophe Clement, Johnny Murtagh and Donald McCain, and two years in Australia where he worked for Chris Waller and Matt Cumani.

"He has been working here for five years and has been a real help. There are lots of keen young trainers doing well so it is good to get Tom on the licence."

Like any good father-and-son relationship there will be moments where both have different views, but Fanshawe has already seen the benefits of his son being part of the team.

He added: "He's helped bring in new staff, and has been a great intermediary with the owners. We try not to get away from the fact that we take our time with the horses, but we have sharpened up a bit to the benefit of the yard, and the owners."

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guide to the Sprint Cup

MAN OF THE HOUR . . . Marvelman will relish the soft ground at Haydock and can fire in another big prize for the in-form stable of Andrew Balding (*left*)

MARVELMAN looks a super hero in the Betfair Sprint Cup (3.40 Haydock).

By **STEVE MULLEN**

Andrew Balding is in the hunt to be champion trainer and the £226,840 first prize can cut the gap to leader Aidan O'Brien.

This four-year-old ran his best race of the season over this trip in the Chipchase at Newcastle in June and is best with cut in the ground. He should get his ideal conditions today.

Kind Of Blue is another who likes it soft and he looks the main threat ahead of **Almeraq** who was impressive at Royal Ascot and has won on tacky ground.

Here's my guide to the Group 1 action:

ALMERAQ ★★★★

RAQ not ruin. Won the Group 1 Jubilee Stakes over this trip at Royal Ascot before racing too freely when ninth in the July Cup. He has winning form on soft, so conditions hold no fears. Four wins from seven completed starts underline his quality and a strongly run 6f could help him settle. Major player if bouncing back to Royal Ascot level.

AMERICAN AFFAIR ★★

AMERICAN'T. High-class 5f sprinter who won a Group 2 at Goodwood before a poor Nunthorpe run. He was runner-up here on good to soft in May, so handles some ease but his best form is at the minimum trip and this slog wouldn't suit. Ruled out due to heavy ground.

ARAMRAM ★

RAM raided. Started the campaign well, winning a 6f Listed on good to soft before respectable efforts at Group level. He was outclassed in the Jubilee and held in a handicap latest. He likes soft but this is tough.

BIG MOJO ★★

GROUNDS for concern. Defending champ returned to form with a decisive Group 3 success over 6f at the Curragh last month after a poor start to the season. We know he likes it here and is in form but he's never run on proper soft ground and loves firm.

JAMES'S DELIGHT ★★

DELIGHT slight. Clive Cox does well with sprinters and this five-year-old loves it soft. He's been third in two Curragh Group races this season, including when just behind **Big Mojo** latest, so arrives in respectable form. He stays 6f but still looks short at this level.

KIND OF BLUE ★★★★

TRUE Blue. The 2024 British Champions Sprint winner is proven on soft and finished a good second in this last year. He also went close in a Group 2 over 6f on good to soft in May before disappointing in the Jubilee. He's had a little break since and is proven at this level. We know he likes the track and ground and trainer James Fanshawe has a fine record in the race.

MARVELMAN ★★★★★

CAPTAIN Marvel. Produced one of his best efforts when third behind Notable Speech in the Group 1 City Of York Stakes over 7f a fortnight ago. He travelled well there and this drop to 6f should be ideal. He has won on heavy, so the soft ground is no concern. This should develop into quite the test and his stamina will be an asset from near the front.

PABORUS ★★★

PAB a bit fab. He has few miles on the clock for a five-year-old and took a Newcastle Group 3 over 6f on his reappearance ahead of Marvelman. He was only eighth behind that rival over 7f at York last time but travelled well for a long way before weakening like a horse who prefers this trip. He won a minor race on soft so may well handle conditions and is in the place picture.

COPPULL ★★★

COP on duty. One of the more progressive runners in the field, he kicked off this season with a smooth Group 3 success over this trip at Ascot. He then performed with credit at the highest level when beaten just over a length in the July Cup at Newmarket. Last time he relished stepping up to 7f to take the Hungerford at Newbury so he should get home here. The ground is a slight worry as he's only run on good to firm. He'll go close if handling it.

for Fanshawe clan

TOM JOINS HIS DAD

Fanshawe is on course to beat his best annual domestic total of 59 winners, but as someone who keeps his cards close to his chest he won't get carried away.

He added: "We have got to September, and I'm not going to tempt fate, but the horses have been consistent all year."

And while his methods might have largely remained the same to get the best results, Fanshawe acknowledges the changing landscape of racehorse ownership.

He added: "The supply of horses is different to when I started as a good few of the traditional owner-breeders that have supported us have stopped, or they are no longer here.

"Syndicates have been a real lifesaver from our point of view. Jacko runs Fred Archer Racing, and that has been really successful with the likes of The Tin Man, while Elite Racing have had some wonderful horses with us."

Talk of The Tin Man evokes some cherished memories for Fanshawe, which includes his victory in the 2018 Group 1 Haydock Sprint Cup.

And today his nephew, Kind Of Blue, will bid to follow in his hoofprints by going one place better in the £400,000 6f test than 12 months ago.

He added: "The Tin Man ran in the race five times and he gave us some wonderful days in the race, especially in 2018.

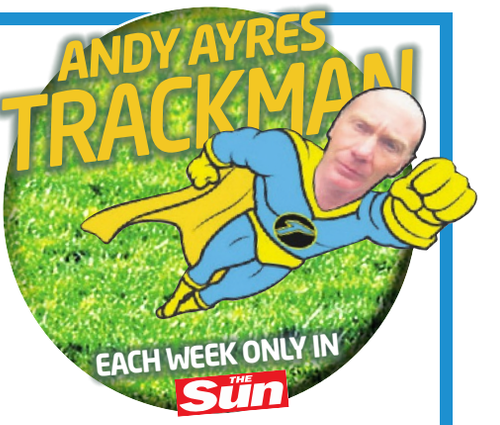
"This will be Kind Of Blue's third time in it, but as his uncle, The Tin Man, showed, his family tends to get better with age.

"We were always chasing our tails with him last season, but he ran really well in the Sprint Cup.

"He ran very well at York on his return, but we were drawn out of it at Ascot and the ground was very firm.

"We've purposely left him alone for an autumn campaign. He goes there as a fresh horse and has been going nicely in his work."

BOLT FROM THE BLUE . . . Kind Of Blue (*red cap*) runs in Sprint Cup



GO for gold with GETHIN in the September Stakes (2.50, Kempton).

In-form Owen Burrows' (*below*) stable star battered the bookies when he sauntered home in a handy heat on the all-weather in April.

Word is those big-spending Wathnan boys splashed out an eye-watering £3 million for the galloping grey after that walk-in-the-park win.

The Qatari crew have pencilled Burrows' beaut in for a crack at the Arc, and he can book a first-class berth on Eurostar by gunning down the people's champ Constitution Hill.

Meanwhile, there were plenty of six-shooters on show at Lingfield's Nashville-themed country music bash last weekend.

Unfortunately, lashing rain and gale-force winds left the line-dancing locals hanging on to their Stetsons.

But leafy's hard-working layers stuffed their holsters full of readies when Jim Boyle's properly punted Big Bear Hug (10s to 9-2) fired blanks in a two-bob handicap. Mind you, Jimbo had an upbeat bulletin about stable star Into The Sky who grabbed a fistful of dollars by finishing fourth in a top pot at Deauville on Sunday.

Boyler reckons Somme-like conditions put the skids under his speedball there, but the colt came home in belting nick and is being revved-up for a

Owen ready to Get it on

big'un at Ascot on October 3. There's a top card at that Berkshire circuit today, and William Haggas's fan club are all over **THUNDER CALL** in the 1.40.

Wily William's improver is nailed on to enjoy this step up in trip, and some gung-ho geezers have been busy burgling the early prices.

Talking of which, the bookies caught a cold when Charlie Clover's Federal Envoy (6s to 6-4) landed a five-star flutter in a rough-and-ready rumble at Wolverhampton.

Some dapper dudes from Dudley filled their boots when Charlie's chancer did the bizzo, and the same faces will be coming back for seconds if he stretches his legs at Catterick on Tuesday.

My mucker 'flat-face Freddie' nicked a couple of shekels when that flyer hit a home run.

Fred isn't the sharpest knife in the drawer – he thought Bugs Bunny was a rabbit with fleas.

But our man breaks bread with some chatty chaps from HQ, and they are sweet on **VICTORY ACE** in the London Mile Final (2.20, Kempton).

John Butler's money-maker teed himself up for this by running away with a lively contest last month. Butler's battler is booked for a tougher shift today, but I'm told he's in the pink and lapping pigeons on the gallops.

Talking of which, the Newmarket work watchers are getting jiggy about Simon Crisford's tasty two-year-old Flann Sunna. Super Si's sprinter bruised a few bank accounts when he dropped anchor at Goodwood on his latest jaunt.

That was a kick in the wotsnames, but Crisford's cannon sparkled in a recent spin and should ruffle feathers in a top-class tear-up at Doncaster on Friday.

Finally, don't miss Andrew Balding's **MOONRISE** in the Sirenia Stakes (3.20, Kempton).

Andy's ace swerved a date at York's Ebor meeting after a monsoon mullered the ground. But she's got previous at this gaff and will be hard to catch with Oisin Murphy lighting the fuse.

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1.45..... Greek Symphony
2.20..... Cavolo Nero
2.50..... Constitution Hill
3.20.....Moonrise
3.55.....Shallow
4.30.Whitcombe Rockstar
5.05..... An Bradan Feasa

TIC-TAC: Right-handed Polytrack all-weather course. 1m round with tight turns and a 3f run-in. **DRAW:** None. **FAVOURITES:** (2021-2026): 941 have won out of 2,683 races (35%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 21 have won out of 70 races (30%). **LIVE ON RACING TV**

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TRAINERS with best record in last 14 days: Sir M Prescott 6 wins from 18 runners; J & T Gosden 6 from 20; R Varian 4 from 15; A Balding 12 from 56; K P De Foy 4 from 19; B Millman 4 from 23; E Walker 7 from 44.
JOCKEYS with best record in last 14 days: O Murphy 14 wins from 54 rides; P Cosgrave 5 from 23; R Ryan 12 from 63; B Loughnane 13 from 71; D Muscutt 3 from 17; C Rodriguez 4 from 24; J Mitchell 4 from 32.
TRAINERS who have had the most runners since last win: R Carr 29; N Henderson 22.
JOCKEYS who have had the most rides since last win: S C Cronin 24; R Coakley 21.

TOP TRAINERS

2021-2026 A Balding 99-629, J & T Gosden 68-335, R Varian 65-283, R Beckett 55-316, J Butler 51-478, R Hughes 47-299, G Boughey 37-269, M Botti 36-303, S & E Crisford 35-208. **THIS SEASON:** A Balding 15, J Butler 14, J & T Gosden 8, B Millman 8.

TOP JOCKEYS

2021-2026 O Murphy 126-565, D Muscutt 95-655, R Ryan 89-587, B Loughnane 65-421, J Mitchell 60-427, R Hornby 53-520, F Marsh 30-240, G Wood 18-158, B Sayette 16-175, R Coakley 13-166. **THIS SEASON:** O Murphy 16, B Loughnane 15, R Ryan 13.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: No qualifiers. **RACEFAX:** J & T Gosden won the 2.50 in 2018, 2019, 2020 & 2022.
LONGEST TRAVELLERS: Tiernan (4.30) trained by I Jardine, Carruthers town, round trip of 694 miles; **Elsass** (4.30) trained by C Johnston, Middleham, round trip of 490 miles; **Dingle** (2.20), J Camacho, Malton, round trip 444 miles. Vincent Rocks (2.20), R Carr, Stillington, round trip 444 miles.

IN THE MONEY

MONEY TALKS: Primo Lara (4.30) opened 5-1 unplaced at 10-3f; **Warrior Mode** (2.20) opened 13-8 won at 5-4f; **Majestic** (4.30) opened 5-1 third at 7-2; **Bated Benevolence** (3.20) opened 10-3 second at 5-2.
TOP EARNERS:
2.50 **Dubai Future** £1,477,437
2.50 **Constitution Hill** ... £914,185
4.30 **Majestic** £339,273

UNDER ORDERS

SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: None. **BLINKERED FIRST TIME:** 1.45 Attack Attack. **VISORED FIRST TIME:** None. **FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP:** None. **WEIGHTWATCHER:** 4.30 **King's Code** (won off 97 down 3lb to 94). **JOB JOCKEYS:** M Paetel rides **Greek Symphony** (1.45) for O Cole, 4 from 9, 44%. R Scott rides **Sudu** (4.30) for R Varian, 3 from 8, 38%. O Murphy rides **An Bradan Feasa** (5.05) for Jack Jones, 7 from 22, 32%. Rossa Ryan rides **Magnesium** (1.45) for J Butler, 10 from 32, 31%. D Muscutt rides **Eskimo Pie** (3.55) for J Chapple-Hyam, 9 from 36, 25%. O Murphy rides **Veil Of Clouds** (3.55) for S & E Crisford, 24 from 95, 25%.

1.45 WILLIAM HILL FILLIES' NURSERY HCAP (Class 5) 2-Y-0; £4,187; 1m (8 runners)

1 242411 **FOREST BERRY 12 (H;D)**
(8) Sir M Prescott 9-11.....**Dylan Hogan** ●99
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 2 £14,875
Two wins on the bounce, proven on AW and improving fast, respected

2 8551 **WOODHAY WAYFARER 30 (D)**
(3) T Ward 9-8..... **Billy Loughnane** 98
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (F) £5,234
Improved markedly to win nursery debut, stays well and top rider up

3 32133 **GREEK SYMPHONY 22**
(2) O Cole 9-7.....**Mason Paetel (3)** 97
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £11,708
Holding form well after AW success, but longer trip needs to unlock more

4 432 **PEQUENITA 19 (BF)**
(6) A Balding 9-5..... **Oisin Murphy** 93
Runs: 3 Places: 1 £4,339
Runner-up on AW latest and pedigree strongly supports this longer trip

5 1030 **CRAZY CUBANA 37**
(4) E Walker 9-5..... **Pat Cosgrave** 91
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (G) £6,382
Poor latest after solid AW third, longer trip needs to spark a revival

6 7100 **MAGNESIUM 42 (C)**
(1) J Butler 9-5.....**Rossa Ryan** 88
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (A) £5,400
Outclassed latest, won here previously and this grade is more suitable

7 0035 **ATTACK ATTACK 44 (B★)**
(5) G Scott 9-3..... **Liam Wright (3)** 90
Runs: 4 £1,803
Well beaten on nursery debut, mark has eased but plenty to prove here

8 851U **GOLDEN OASIS 10**
(7) R Edwards 9-2..... **Rob Hornby** 92
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (F) £5,400
Latest run tells us little, won well previously and one to keep an eye on

BETTING: 2 Forest Berry, 11-4 Woodhay Wayfarer, 7-2 Greek Symphony, 5 Pequenita, 12 Magnesium, 14 Crazy Cubana
WHERE FAVS FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

2.20 WILLIAM HILL LONDON MILE SERIES FINAL HANDICAP (2) £36,078; 1m (14 runners)

1 -23304 **TWO TEMPTING 14 (CD)**
(6) J Portman 7-9-12..... **Rob Hornby** 96
Runs: 49 Wins: 9 (4A,3GS,2G) Places: 12 £307,953
C&D winner with solid AW form, back near his best latest, dangerous

2 270446 **POPMASTER 28 (CD)**
(13) E Walker 8-9-10..... **Billy Loughnane** 93
Runs: 60 Wins: 7 (2S,F,3A,GS) Places: 17 £305,066
Latest run below best, previous strong hcap form, C&D record is a plus

3 -13740 **SUPIDO 27 (T★;D)**
(10) I Williams 4-9-8.....**Rowan Scott** 95
Runs: 17 Wins: 3 (2GS,G) Places: 3 £83,879
Poor effort latest after a good run, AW form leaves him needing more

4 854331 **NIKOVO 36 (D)**
(4) M Herrington 7-9-6 ..... **Oisin Murphy** 97
Runs: 46 Wins: 8 (S,2F,5A) Places: 10 £117,633
In fine form and won well latest, mile and AW suit, champ booked

5 -23411 **CAVOLO NERO 17 (CD)**
(11) H Eustace 4-9-6.....**Kaiya Fraser** ●99
Runs: 13 Wins: 4 (S,2A,G) Places: 5 £35,496
Readily landed C&D hcap latest, thriving and looks capable of better

6 115112 **THE LIFFEY 38 (B;CD)**
(1) H Burton 5-9-5.....**Rossa Ryan** 98
Runs: 16 Wins: 6 (4A,2G) Places: 1 £59,514
Excellent run latest after C&D win, but higher mark asks more now

7 062615 **PERCY'S LAD 18 (P★;C,D)**
(2) D & C Kubler 8-9-3 .... **Ebrahim Nader** 97
Runs: 35 Wins: 7 (2F,A,4G) Places: 8 £131,022
Latest came too soon after C&D win, mile suits, strong chance to rebound

8 173000 **DINGLE 72 (CD)**
(8) J Camacho 8-9-2....**Callum Rodriguez** 94
Runs: 43 Wins: 7 (7A) Places: 10 £140,129
Out of form, C&D winner who is well treated now, needs to find old spark

9 441204 **I'M WORKIN ON IT 68 (C)**
(9) B Millman 4-9-0.....**George Wood** 91
Runs: 15 Wins: 4 (4A) Places: 3 £30,539
Back near his best over C&D latest, but this stronger grade demands more

10 5-7434 **EXPOSURE 17 (BF,D)**
(3) J & T Gosden 4-8-13....**Benoit Sayette** 96
Runs: 13 Wins: 2 (S) Places: 4 £46,925
Close fourth over C&D last time, decent jock rides, solid claims

11 380-31 **WARRIOR MODE 24 (CD)**
(5) Sir M Prescott 4-8-13.....**Dylan Hogan** 97
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 1 £15,123
Resumed progress with C&D win, remains open to further improvement

12 313317 **BLUE PRINCE 14 (D)**
(14) P Evans 5-8-12 ..... **Pat Cosgrave** 91
Runs: 43 Wins: 6 (F,2A,3G) Places: 12 £169,322
Respectable latest in this grade, trip only concern, others appeal more

13 265111 **VICTORY ACE 17 (CD)**
(7) J Butler 3-8-12.....**Finley Marsh** 97
Runs: 10 Wins: 4 (4A) Places: 1 £25,400
Chasing a four-timer after impressive C&D win, mile suits him perfectly

14 -03025 **VINCENT ROCKS 42 (V;D)**
(12) R Carr 4-8-11 ..... **Warren Fentiman (3)** 90
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (A,GS) Places: 2 £12,173
Good AW efforts lately, close C&D second two runs ago, mark looks fair

BETTING: 10-3 Cavolo Nero, 4 Warrior Mode, 15-2 Victory Ace, 8 Nikovo, Exposure, 10 The Liffey, 12 Percy's Lad, 14 Two Tempting, Supido, I'm Workin On It, 16 Popmaster, 20 Blue Prince, 25 Vincent Rocks, 33 Dingle
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1 2 0 1
2025: Sky Safari 4-9-1, O Murphy 5-2 Fav (J Fanshawe), drw 6, 14 ran.

PROBETS

EYECATCHER: PERSICA (1.25 Haydock) ran well in a hot race at York latest.
SUPER SPEED: MOONRISE (3.20 Kempton) clocked a good time when winning at Ascot last time out.
CLASS ACT: SECOND FIDDLE (8.30 Newcastle) has won five of his seven starts in this class.
GAMBLED ON: REEM RAK (2.30 Haydock) was well backed when going close at Newmarket last time out.

Sunracing FORM

TWO TEMPTING (9-10) 22-1 midfield, ridden 1f out, no extra towards finish, 4th of 13 (btn 2³/₄l) to Whip Cracker (9-6) **BLUE PRINCE** (8-10) 22-1 held up, kept on to pass beaten rivals final furlong, 7th (btn 4³/₄l) (Chester 1m hcap (2) £30,924 good to soft).
POPMASTER (9-6) 12-1 mid-division, ridden 1f out, stayed on, 8th of 10 (btn 5l) to Crown Board (9-12) (Ascot 1m hcap (2) £49,180 good to firm).
SUPIDO (8-13) 5-1 midfield, ridden 2f out, soon weakened, 19th of 20 (btn 13l) to Half Half (8-10) (Deauville 1m hcap (1) £39,669 good to soft).
NIKOVO (9-9) 3-1 fav led final furlong, kept on well, bt Cherry Cobbler (8-6) 2³/₄l **EXPOSURE** (9-10) 4-1 led 2f out, headed final furlong, one pace, 3rd (btn 3³/₄l) (9 ran) (Newmarket 7f hcap (4) £6,442 good to firm).
CAVOLO NERO (10-4) 13-8 fav held up, led final 110yds, won going away, bt Malachy's Wish (10-1) 1³/₄l (8 ran) (Kempton 1m hcap (4) £6,281 AW).
THE LIFFEY (9-4) 22-1 with leaders, kept on towards finish, btn ³/₄l by Crimson Spirit (9-6) (20 ran) (Goodwood 7f hcap (3) £25,770 good).
PERCY'S LAD (10-5) 9-4 chased leaders, pushed along 2f out, no impression final furlong, 5th of 9 (btn 6³/₄l) to Spaceman (9-0) (W'hampton 7f hcap (4) £5,234 AW).
DINGLE (8-10) 66-1 weakened 1f out, 10th of 11 (btn 18l) to Treble Tee (9-4) (Newcastle 1m hcap (2) £18,319 AW).
PERCY'S LAD (10-2) 16-1 led, battled on when challenged, headed 110yds out, not pace of winner, btn 1¹/₄l by Saytarr (10-4) **I'M WORKIN ON IT** (10-3) 17-2 prominent, pushed along 2f out, one pace, 4th (2³/₄l) (14 ran) (Kempton 1m hcap (4) £6,281 AW).
EXPOSURE (10-2) 9-4 fav midfield, headway 1f out, no extra finish, 4th of 9 (btn 1¹/₄l) to Starlight Time (9-7) (Kempton 1m hcap (4) £6,281 AW).
WARRIOR MODE (10-3) 5-4 fav held up, headway 1f out, led inside final furlong, bt Metallo (9-11) 1¹/₄l (10 ran) (Kempton 1m hcap (4) £6,281 AW).
VICTORY ACE (9-4) 9-4 midfield, closed 2f out, led 1f out, readily, bt Mr Professor (9-11) 4¹/₄l (9 ran) (Kempton 1m hcap (4) £6,281 AW).
VICTORY ACE (8-10) 14-1 led towards finish, kept on well, bt Zatsgood (9-12) hd **VINCENT ROCKS** (10-1) 14-1 held up, shaken up 2f out, plugged on, 5th (btn 2³/₄l) (14 ran) (Newcastle 1m hcap (4) £5,653 AW).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

2.20

NIKOVO can take this red-hot London Mile final. He bolted up at Newmarket last time when showing good pace over 7f. He sees out this mile strongly and is at home on the all-weather. He has gone up the weights but is only 1lb above his highest winning mark and the booking of Oisin Murphy takes the eye.
Cavolo Nero is the big danger. He made it two wins on the spin when scoring nicely over course and distance last month and should have more to come. **Victory Ace** is chasing a four-timer after thrashing his rivals by more than four lengths here latest. This is tougher from his revised mark but he's on the upgrade.
Warrior Mode is another progressive course-and-distance winner. He hit the line strongly here last time and should have more to offer at a mile. **The Liffey** won well here in July before going close at Glorious Goodwood. He's a threat along with **Exposure** who was just three-quarters of a length away here last time and looks on a dangerous mark.

2.50 WILLIAM HILL SEPTEMBER STAKES (GRP 3) winner £53,874; 1m 4f (7 runners)

1 -84193 **DUBAI FUTURE 27 (CD)**
(6) S bin Suroor 10-9-10 ..... **Jack Mitchell** 90
Runs: 41 Wins: 10 (2F,A,6G) Places: 11 £1,477,437
Back near his best with Group 1 third latest, likes it here but may lack pace

2 9-3336 **ALMERIC 27**
(5) A Balding 4-9-7 ..... **Rob Hornby** 89
Runs: 9 Wins: 3 (2S,GS) £121,434
Has run creditably in Group company this term, trip suits, needs more

3 11 **CONSTITUTION HILL 164 (CD)**
(2) N Henderson 9-9-7 ... **Billy Loughnane** 95
Runs: 2 Wins: 2 (2A) £28,080
Jumping star, unbeaten on the Flat but this is a huge ask at the age of 9

4 22-125 **GETHIN 63 (C)**
(3) O Burrows 4-9-7.....**Callum Rodriguez** ●99
Runs: 7 Wins: 3 (S,A,G) Places: 3 £135,689
Eclipse effort is forgivable, won here earlier in the year, touch of class

5 014-82 **PRIDE OF ARRAS 42 (D)**
(4) R Beckett 4-9-7 .....**Rossa Ryan** 97
Runs: 8 Wins: 3 (2F,G) Places: 1 £302,016
Returned to form with Group 2 second at York latest, main danger to fav

6 4621-4 **TORNADO ALERT 27**
(7) S bin Suroor 4-9-7..... **Oisin Murphy** 94
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (A) Places: 2 £174,675
Excellent Group 1 fourth after long absence, AW switch should hold no fears

7 31-120 **WARRANT HOLDER 56 (BF,D)**
(1) J & T Gosden 4-9-7.....**Benoit Sayette** 87
Runs: 8 Wins: 3 (2A,G) Places: 4 £84,286
Runner-up in a hcap at Royal Ascot, flopped latest, this is a big ask

BETTING: 11-8 Gethin, 9-2 Pride Of Arras, 5 Constitution Hill, 11-2 Tornado Alert, 12 Warrant Holder, 16 Almeric, 20 Dubai Future
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 2 1 1 2
2025: Giavellotto 6-9-7, O Murphy 9-4 (M Botti), drawn 3, 6 ran.

Sunracing FORM

DUBAI FUTURE (9-6) 10-1 close up, every chance 1f out, kept on, 3rd of 10 (btn ³/₄l) to Tiffany (9-2) **TORNADO ALERT** (9-6) 6-1 keen, close up, led 2f out, headed 1f out, one pace, 4th (btn 1l) **ALMERIC** (9-6) 7-2 dwelt in rear, outpaced 2f out, one pace, 6th (btn 6l) (Hoppegarten 1¹/₄m Grp 1 £82,645 good).
CONSTITUTION HILL (9-12) 1-7 fav midfield, progress 1f out, shaken up to lead, ran on well, bt Classical Allusion (9-11) 2l (8 ran) (Kempton 1¹/₂m nov stks (3) £6,480 AW).
GETHIN (9-9) 4-1 keen, prominent, led 2f out, headed and weakened over 1f out, 5th of 7 (btn 15l) to Constitution River (8-13) (Sandown 1¹/₄m Grp 1 (1) £560,200 good to firm).
PRIDE OF ARRAS (9-8) 9-1 led, headed 1f out, no impression on winner, btn 2³/₄l by Item (9-2) (5 ran) (York 1¹/₄m Grp 2 (1) £93,572 good).
WARRANT HOLDER (9-12) 3-1 fav mid-division, no impression when hampered 1f out, soon held, 10th of 22 (btn 9l) to Raammee (9-2) (York 1¹/₄m hcap (2) £103,080 good to firm).

DAR TO STAR

FRANCIS-HENRI GRAFFARD is confident Daryz will pass his Prix Foy trial with flying colours at Longchamp tomorrow.
Last year's Arc hero is 3-1 to defend his crown next month and his French trainer reports him to be in good shape.
Graffard said: "Daryz is back from a break and I'm expecting a big run in the Prix Foy – he's in good shape."
HAPPY DARYZ . . . Daryz wins last year's Arc

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

GETHIN can strike back at his favourite track. Forget his Eclipse struggle on rattling-fast ground – his previous neck second in a Group 3 is much more his form. He was an impressive Listed winner here in April and can show more now going up in trip. **Constitution Hill** is the box-office runner. The jumping superstar is two from two on the Flat and cruised home over course and distance in March. This is a massive class hike but we still don't know where his ceiling lies on the level. **Tornado Alert** can figure too. He returned from more than a year off to finish fourth in a Group 1 in Germany. Oisin Murphy and Saeed Bin Suroor have an excellent strike-rate when teaming up. **Pride Of Arras** is no back number. He bounced back with a cracking Group 2 second at York and stays 1m4f. He hasn't run on the all-weather before but can figure if taking to the track. **Warrant Holder** was a good second in a Royal Ascot handicap and stays so could outrun his long odds.

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3.20 WILLIAM HILL SIRENIA STAKES (GROUP 3) 2-Y-0; winner £42,532; 6f (10 runners)

1 122225 **ADAAY OF SCARLETT 15**
(4) H Palmer 9-3.....**Rossa Ryan** ●99
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 3 £152,923
Below best latest, excellent Group 2 record makes him a major player

2 618324 **AGAMEMNON 15**
(8) R Hughes 9-3.....**Finley Marsh** 95
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £36,883
Holding own at this level, previous AW winner and arrives with solid form

3 121 **MOONRISE 42 (CD)**
(9) A Balding 9-3..... **Oisin Murphy** 98
Runs: 3 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 1 £77,643
Group 3 winner latest and has won on the AW, sets a strong standard

4 1443 **SOCIAL SYMBOL 28 (BF)**
(7) S & E Crisford 9-3 ..... **Rob Hornby** 91
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £24,623
Listed third in France latest, AW debut asks another question today

5 12 **TAWAKAL 29 (D)**
(1) S & E Crisford 9-3 ..... **Jack Mitchell** 96
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £7,856
Improved sharply when just beaten latest, but this a whole lot tougher

6 1012 **BATED BENEVOLENCE 14 (D)**
(3) M Botti 9-0 ..... **Benoit Sayette** 91
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 1 £15,067
Just denied latest after an easy AW win, deserves his place at this level

7 14 **EFSIXTEEN 22**
(5) G Scott 9-0 .....**Callum Rodriguez** 93
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (F) £23,296
Solid Listed fourth after break last month, remains unexposed, e-w

8 11 **EVENFALL 22 (D)**
(10) G Boughey 9-0..... **non-runner** 96
Runs: 2 Wins: 2 (2F) £27,000
Unbeaten, snug win at Newbury last time but drawn wide, ruled out

9 2161 **NICELY 14 (D)**
(2) K De Foy 9-0.....**Rowan Scott** 93
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (F,GS) Places: 1 £19,814
Back to winning ways latest, improving with experience, in the mix

10 1720 **SHIMMERING SUN 16**
(6) H Eustace 9-0..... **Daniel Muscutt** 88
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £13,124
Below best in the Lowther at York, very quick and has place hopes

BETTING: 11-4 Moonrise, 7-2 Adaay Of Scarlett, 5 Tawakal, 13-2 Agamemnon, 10 Social Symbol, 12 Efsixteen, 16 Shimmering Sun, 25 Nicely, 33 Bated Benevolence
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 1 3 1 4-6
2025: Five Ways 9-3, J Watson 4-1 (A Balding), drw 6, 10 ran.

Sunracing FORM

AGAMEMNON (9-2) 18-1 led, headed 1f out, faded inside final furlong, 4th of 10 (btn 3¹/₄l) to Arapaho Gold (9-2)
ADAAY OF SCARLETT (9-2) 5-1 held up, pushed along 2f out, kept on final furlong, 5th (btn 4l) (10 ran) (York 6f Grp 2 (1) £141,775 good to soft).
MOONRISE (9-2) 11-2 chased leaders, travelled strongly 2f out, led 1f out, just held late challenge, bt Dee's Funny Girl (9-2) nk (11 ran) (Ascot 6f Grp 3 (1) £45,368 good to firm).
SOCIAL SYMBOL (9-1) 11-8 fav close up, ridden and outpaced 2f out, kept on one pace 1f out, 3rd of 8 (btn 1¹/₄l) to Drazinda (8-11) (Deauville 5f Listed (1) £22,686 good to soft).
TAWAKAL (9-11) 9-4 led, ridden 1f out, headed final strides, btn hd by Nabati (9-11) (5 ran) (Newmarket 6f nov stks (4) £5,234 good to firm).
NICELY (9-2) 2-1 fav prominent, headway to lead final furlong, kept on, bt **BATED BENEVOLENCE** (9-2) 5-2 led 2f out, headed final furlong, kept on, hd (7 ran) (Chester 6f 2yo fll stks (2) £10,308 good to soft).
EFSIXTEEN (9-2) 7-2 mid-division, headway 1f out, went 4th inside final furlong, kept on, 4th of 13 (btn 4l) to Angels Lane (9-2) (Newbury 5f Listed (1) £28,355 good to firm).
EVENFALL (9-6) 6-5 fav held up, headway 2f out, led 1f out, always doing enough, bt Sorrengail (9-6) 1³/₄l (5 ran) (Newbury 6f 2yo fll stks (2) £21,600 good to firm).
SHIMMERING SUN (9-2) 18-1 led, headed 2f out, outpaced final furlong, soon eased, 14th of 17 (well btn) to Libertango (9-2) (York 6f Grp 2 (1) £141,775 good to soft).

3.55 WILLIAM HILL PRICE BOOSTS EVERY DAY FILLIES' HCAP (4) £6,281; 6f (11 runners)

1 -14323 **ZIGHY 12 (P★;D)**
(9) G Boughey 3-9-9 ..... **Billy Loughnane** 97
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 6 £22,671
Holding form well, proven on AW and first-time cheekpieces will help

2 -37779 **LADY ROXBY 43**
(2) M Herrington 4-9-9 ..... **Jack Mitchell** 90
Runs: 16 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 4 £38,642
Poor latest after mixed turf form, dropping in the weights, check betting

3 360137 **POWDERING 15 (CD)**
(1) M Herrington 6-9-9..**Seamus Cronin (5)** 96
Runs: 56 Wins: 9 (S,F,4A,GS,2G) Places: 12 £103,106
Below form at Newmarket latest, C&D winner and AW suits her well

4 31-766 **TAROT 36 (H;CD)**
(11) R Varian 3-9-8.....**Ross Coakley** 95
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 3 £13,699
Below form on all three runs this term, previous C&D winner, do better

5 -36451 **ESKIMO PIE 24 (D)**
(10) J Chapple-Hyam 3-9-8. **Daniel Muscutt** 93
Runs: 9 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £24,222
Won readily in a weak maiden, AW form is fair, this hcap demands more

ALL THE COLOURS, SUNFORM AND TEMPLEGATE'S TOP TIPS

STANDARD TO SLOW

6 329202 **SHALLOW 15 (V;CD)**
(8) R Spencer 5-9-8 ..... **George Wood** 98
Runs: 29 Wins: 5 (F,4A) Places: 12 £96,486
C&D winner with strong recent form, knocking on the door lately, fancied

7 241140 **PARADISE WALK 39 (B;D)**
(5) R Beckett 3-9-7 ..... **Rossa Ryan** 95
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 3 £20,641
Excuses for latest flop, earlier form was strong, one to watch closely

8 52531 **VEIL OF CLOUDS 19 (D)**
(4) S & E Crisford 3-9-5 ..... **Oisin Murphy** ●99
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £7,544
Impressive AW winner latest, thriving now and can go close up in class

9 -17140 **CALLING A STAR 38 (D)**
(7) R Hughes 3-9-5 ..... **Finley Marsh** 93
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 1 £25,163
Poor latest, proven form on AW and return to this trip should help

10 130-99 **LOPE EL FUEGO 58 (D)**
(3) W Greatrex 3-9-5 ..... **Rob Hornby** 77
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (F) £7,748
Well beaten on both runs this term, no evidence for a revival just yet

11 031413 **RUMBLE RUBY 22 (D)**
(6) L Souza 3-9-3 .... **Warren Fentiman (3)** 91
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 1 £12,488
In good form with win and close third lately, one to watch closely

BETTING: 5-2 Veil Of Clouds, 10-3 Zighy, 4 Shallow, 11-2 Rumble Ruby, 8 Eskimo Pie, 10 Calling A Star, Powdering, 12 Paradise Walk, 20 Tarot, 33 Lady Roxby, 66 Lope El Fuego

WHERE FAVS FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

4.30 WILLIAM HILL BEST ODDS GUARANTEED HCAP (3) £8,246; 1m 4f (11 runners)

1 13-738 **HAKU 7 (CD)**
(5) M Loughnane 7-9-9 ..... **Jack Mitchell** 94
Runs: 42 Wins: 10 (10A) Places: 10 £95,650
Excuses latest, strong previous run and proven C&D record offer hope

2 0/0054 **ASTRO KING 16 (P★)**
(4) D & C Kubler 9-9-9 .... **Ebrahim Nader** 88
Runs: 29 Wins: 5 (3F,2A) Places: 8 £317,172
Latest was below par, better on AW previously, stamina remains a concern

3 005188 **KING'S CODE 23 (V;C)**
(7) P Evans 6-9-8. **Alexandra McDonnell (7)** 92
Runs: 63 Wins: 15 (S,10A,F,3G) Places: 8 £241,793
Below form last twice after a win, but needs more from current mark

4 511204 **WHITCOMBE ROCKSTAR 72 (V;CD)**
(1) Kieran Burke 7-9-7. . **Josephine Gordon** 96
Runs: 32 Wins: 9 (7A,2G) Places: 2 £126,546
Excellent C&D record and solid fourth latest, current mark looks workable

5 7-1520 **TOPTEAM 98 (CD)**
(9) A Balding 4-9-5 ..... **Oisin Murphy** 97
Runs: 12 Wins: 4 (A,3G) Places: 1 £39,407
Poor latest, C&D winner and return to this venue should suit well

6 -23850 **INCENSED 35 (CD)**
(6) A Perrett 5-9-3 ..... **Daniel Muscutt** 93
Runs: 18 Wins: 4 (3A,G) Places: 4 £60,745
Poor latest after several fair efforts, C&D form offers hope, place shout

7 -74203 **MAJESTIC 29**
(10) J Channon 8-9-2 .... **Callum Rodriguez** 91
Runs: 38 Wins: 3 (2F,G) Places: 11 £339,273
Back in better form with latest third, but must prove himself on AW

8 625114 **PRIMO LARA 15 (BF,D)**
(3) J Chapple-Hyam 5-9-0. **Billy Loughnane** ●99
Runs: 20 Wins: 4 (F,2A,GS) Places: 2 £54,868
Strong fourth at York, AW proven and current form gives leading claims

9 -60215 **TIERNAN 15 (BF)**
(11) I Jardine 4-8-13 ..... **Rossa Ryan** 97
Runs: 10 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £30,886
Solid latest after an easy win, stamina looks fine and big run expected

10 110377 **ELSASS 15**
(8) C Johnston 4-8-13 ..... **Rob Hornby** 90
Runs: 15 Wins: 3 (2A,G) Places: 3 £38,490
Below best on last two starts, proven on AW and mark is easing, e-w

11 5418-6 **SUDU 29 (BF,D)**
(2) R Varian 4-8-11 ..... **Rowan Scott** 93
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (G) £7,278
Below form on return latest, lower mark offers scope if reviving today

BETTING: 11-4 Primo Lara, 5 Tiernan, 11-2 Whitcombe Rockstar, 6 Majestic, 13-2 Astro King, 8 Elsass, 10 Topteam, 12 King's Code, 14 Sudu, 20 Incensed, Haku

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 8 1

2025: Siempre Arturo 5-9-6, C Keane 3-1F (D & C Kubler), drw 8, 11 ran.

5.05 WILLIAM HILL KEEP RACEDAY POSITIVE HANDICAP (4) £6,281; 2m (6 runners)

1 617121 **NAVAL TRIBUTE 96 (V;C,D)**
(4) J Owen 5-10-3 ..... **Rossa Ryan** 98
Runs: 8 Wins: 3 (2F,A) Places: 1 £22,544
Progressive, proven stayer and course winner, strong claims again

2 698930 **BARENBOIM 26 (CD)**
(5) T Dascombe 8-9-11 ..... **William Cox** 82
Runs: 47 Wins: 6 (6A) Places: 13 £105,534
Poor latest here after a close third, C&D record offers hope if bouncing back

3 1-2222 **AN BRADAN FEASA 22 (BF,D)**
(2) J Jones 6-9-10 ..... **Oisin Murphy** 97
Runs: 13 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 4 £20,563
Four seconds in a row, reliable stayer and champ rides for the first time

4 253253 **BETELGEUSE 14**
(1) S Woods 4-9-2 ..... **Liam Wright (3)** 93
Runs: 16 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 3 £14,335
Fair third latest, current mark looks workable on recent evidence

5 -21112 **CAMPEONA 20 (BF,D)**
(6) Sir M Prescott 3-9-0 ..... **Dylan Hogan** ●99
Runs: 8 Wins: 3 (3F) Places: 2 £21,719
Three wins before a solid second, stays strongly and can bounce back

6 430512 **FLASH KOZO 18**
(3) H Eustace 3-8-12 ..... **Kaiya Fraser** 95
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 1 £8,495
Improving with win and second on AW lately, longer trip asks a little more

BETTING: 15-8 Naval Tribute, 3 An Bradan Feasa, 4 Flash Kozo, 9-2 Campeona, 14 Betelgeuse, 25 Barenboim

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1

2025: Caprelo 4-10-0, O Murphy 2-1 Fav (H Morrison), drw 1, 9 ran.

THIRSK CARD

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD)

TEMPLEGATE

1.35 ..... **Love Tanya**
2.05 ..... **This Moment**
2.40 ..... **Ma Blushin Rosie**
3.15 ..... **Oolong Poobong**
3.50 **Fivethousandtoone**
4.25 ..... **Wardlaw**
5.00 ..... **Misunderstood**
5.35 ..... **Mr King**

TOM PEPPER

1.35 ..... **The Monkey King**
2.05 ..... **Black Velvet Boy**
2.40 **Dontlookanyfurther**
3.15 ..... **Cotai Belle**
3.50 ..... **Commanche Falls**
4.25 ..... **What's The Plan**
5.00 ..... **Kosometsuke**
5.35 ..... **Obelix**

TIC-TAC: Left-handed oval track of 1m 2f, undulating with tight turns, straight 6f course.

DRAW: High numbers best on the straight course, low numbers best at 7f & 1m

FAVOURITES: (2021-2026): 175 have won out of 606 races (29%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 10 have won out of 39 races (26%).

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TRAINERS with best record in last 14 days: Sir M Prescott 6 wins from 18 runners; J Fanshawe 5 from 19; W Haggas 9 from 49; K R Burke 7 from 43; E Walker 7 from 44; R Beckett 6 from 39; M & D Easterby 5 from 37; D O'Meara 6 from 46.

JOCKEYS with best record in last 14 days: H Davies 7 wins from 28 rides; R Clutterbuck 3 from 15; K Stott 4 from 23; A Lewis 5 from 30; J Mason 5 from 31; B Garritty 5 from 33; J Hart 8 from 55; D Allan 4 from 31.

TRAINERS who have had the most runners since last win: M Keady 56; D Menuisier 51.

JOCKEYS who have had the most rides since last win: F Bassett 36; D Keenan 33.

TOP TRAINERS

2021-2026 D O'Meara 32-191, M Dods 32-298, T Easterby 31-540, R & P Fahey 24-178, K R Burke 23-121, D Carroll 13-113, J Camacho 12-99, W Haggas 10-42, M & D Easterby 10-119.

THIS SEASON: T Easterby 5, D O'Meara 4, M Dods 4.

TOP JOCKEYS

2021-2026 C Beasley 28-276, D Allan 18-259, J Hart 16-196, K Stott 13-77, J Mason 11-144, B Garritty 10-76, P-L Jamin 7-19, Z Wheatley 7-57, JP Sullivan 7-125, H Davies 3-27. **THIS SEASON:** C Beasley 5, D Allan 4, J Hart 3.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: No qualifiers.

LONGEST TRAVELLERS: Knightsail (4.25) trained by D Menuisier, Pulborough, round trip of 540 miles; **The Monkey King** (1.35) trained by R Beckett, Kimpton Down, round trip of 530 miles; **Passing Thought** (3.15), E Walker, Upper Lambourn, round trip 442 miles.

IN THE MONEY

MONEY TALKS: Wardlaw (4.25) opened 5-2 won at 11-8f; **What's The Plan** (4.25) opened 2-1 second at 5-4f; **Love Tanya** (1.35) opened 5-1 second at 11-4; **Concert Pitch** (2.05) opened 8-11 won at 8-15f.

TOP EARNERS: 3.50 **Commanche Falls** £703,130; 3.50 **Fivethousandtoone** £272,915; 5.00 **Misunderstood** £118,822; 5.35 **Obelix** £77,695.

UNDER ORDERS

SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: None. **BLINKERED FIRST TIME:** None. **VISORED FIRST TIME:** None. **FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP:** None. **WEIGHTWATCHER:** 5.00 **Frankies Dream** (won off 80 down 3lb to 77). **JOB JOCKEY:** R Clutterbuck rides **The Monkey King** (1.35) for R Beckett, 14 from 47, 30%. H Davies rides **Proposal** (3.15) for W Haggas, 10 from 39, 26%. A Lewis rides **Passing Thought** (3.15) for E Walker, 14 from 60, 23%. C Beasley rides **Love Tanya** (1.35), **Oolong Poobong** (3.15) for E Bethell, 17 from 79, 22%.

1.35 PERSONAL TOUCHES DAY OF ELEGANCE NURSERY (Class 5); 2-y-o; winner £4,187; 1m. (9 runners)

1 (4) 04441 **EMPIRE RISING 24** C Clover 9-9 ..... **Darragh Keenan** 97
2 (1) 322 **LOVE TANYA 29** E Bethell 9-8 ..... **Connor Beasley** ●99
3 (7) 631 **THE MONKEY KING 30** R Beckett 9-7 ..... **Rhys Clutterbuck** 98
4 (6) 43 **COCO NOVA 24 (BF)** H Palmer 9-5 ..... **Harry Davies** 96
5 (3) 787 **AKARAKA 40** M Bell 9-5 ..... **Pierre Jamin** 88
6 (2) 34734 **OR ANOTHER 9** K Scott 9-4 ..... **Jason Hart** 92
7 (9) 48051 **PRINCE KAMEO 9 (D)** Sir M Prescott 9-4 ..... **Kevin Stott** 95
8 (5) 555 **SOU'WESTER 86** T Easterby 9-0 ..... **David Allan** 89
9 (8) 557 **NORTHERN VIOLA 64** J & S Quinn 8-4 ..... **James Sullivan** 84

BETTING: 11-4 The Monkey King, 7-2 Love Tanya, 5 Prince Kameo, 6 Coco Nova, 13-2 Empire Rising, 14 Or Another, Akaraka, Sou'wester, 16 Northern Viola

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 2 3-4 1-3 3

2025: Dunkeld Dreamer 8-13 S A Gray 9-1 (K R Burke) drawn 3, 5 ran.

2.05 IW4X4 NORTHALLERTON NURSERY (4); 2-y-o; value to the winner £4,711; 5f. (9 runners)

1 (4) 15309 **PRINCESS D'ORANGE 38 (D)** D O'Meara 9-9 ..... **Kevin Stott** 90
2 (1) 2000 **SAVAGE MARINER 17 (B)** H Palmer 9-9 ..... **Harry Davies** 81
3 (6) 513 **ANCHIANO 44 (H;D)** G Scott 9-9 ..... **Darragh Keenan** 94
4 (3) 24241 **THIS MOMENT 16 (D)** G Boughey 9-9 ..... **Grace McEntee** 97
5 (8) 7311 **BLACK VELVET BOY 19 (D)** J & S Quinn 9-6 ..... **Jason Hart** 98
6 (2) 1212405 **FURTURRA 9 (D)** T Easterby 9-3 ..... **David Allan** 87
7 (7) 2418 **ROOTS IN TOUCHE 14 (H★;D)** A Keatley 9-3 ..... **Mikey Sheehy** 91
8 (5) 26235 **CASINO STAR 16** K R Burke 9-0 ..... **Pierre Jamin** 96
9 (9) 2662221 **CONCERT PITCH 23 (D)** B Ellison 8-12 ..... **Connor Beasley** ●99

BETTING: 5-2 Concert Pitch, 5 Black Velvet Boy, 11-2 This Moment, 13-2 Casino Star, 7 Anchiano, 8 Roots In Touche, 10 Princesse D'orange, 12 Furturra

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 3

2025: Dazzling Haze 9-4 Jack Callan 9-2 (S & E Crisford) drawn 8, 11 ran.

2.40 BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (2); 2-y-o; winner £15,702; 6f. (13 runners)

1 (9) 61 **DONTLOOKANYFURTHER 14 (D)** J & S Quinn 9-8 ..... **Jason Hart** 98
2 (7) **PIPPY BOY** J Candlish 9-4 ..... **Darragh Keenan —**
3 (2) **RUM POINT** D Carroll 9-4 ..... **Zak Wheatley —**
4 (13) 3 **REDDY 10** E J-Houghton 9-1 ..... **Rhys Clutterbuck** 95
5 (8) 03 **UNCLE ZELLO 10** J Channon 9-1 ..... **Harry Davies** 93
6 (6) **LORD BISHOP** B Ellison 8-12 ..... **Billy Garritty —**
7 (3) 523 **CALLISTERRA 14** M Dods 8-10 ..... **Connor Beasley** 97
8 (1) 36 **HAIR RAISING 24** T Easterby 8-10 ..... **James Sullivan** 91
9 (4) 3 **MA BLUSHIN ROSE 17** A Keatley 8-10 ..... **Mikey Sheehy** ●99
10 (5) 93 **SCOTTYS ROCKET 10** B Ellison 8-10 ..... **Joanna Mason** 90
11 (10) 66 **TEXTING 16** I Furtado 8-10 ..... **Grace McEntee** 83
12 (12) 5 **VOYAGER ONE 16** M Bell 8-10 ..... **Pierre Jamin** 87
13 (11) 0 **MALULEE 39** M Dods 8-7 ..... **Ethan Tindall** 70

BETTING: 5-2 Ma Blushin Rosie, 3 Dontlookanyfurther, 5 Callisterra, 8 Reddy, 10 Uncle Zello, Scottys Rocket, 16 Texting, Pippy Boy

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 7 3

2025: Simplify 8-11 Hollie Doyle 9-4 (A Balding) drawn 16, 16 ran.

3.15 BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF FILLIES' HANDICAP (3) £10,468; 7f (6 runners)

1 14-503 **OOLONG POOBONG 16 (D)**
(5) E Bethell 4-10-0 ..... **Connor Beasley** ●99
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 5 £57,004
Excellent York third who holds strong claims despite carrying top weight

2 464670 **FIGJAM 16**
(4) K Scott 3-9-9. ..... **Jason Hart** 94
Runs: 11 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £34,669
Useful Listed form, but two subsequent hcap defeats temper confidence

3 642075 **PERFECT PART 16**
(3) B Ellison 4-9-7 ..... **Joanna Mason** 98
Runs: 20 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 3 £60,817
Encouraging York fifth who remains well treated in calmer company

4 17-109 **PASSING THOUGHT 29 (D)**
(1) E Walker 3-9-5 ..... **Ashley Lewis (3)** 90
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (S,F) Places: 1 £15,483
Wetherby winner who must rebound from two disappointing recent efforts

5 822224 **COTAI BELLE 16**
(2) R & P Fahey 3-9-0 .... **Ethan Tindall (5)** 97
Runs: 13 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 6 £41,581
Consistent performer who holds leading claims after her fourth at York

6 42-145 **PROPOSAL 39 (D)**
(6) W Haggas 3-8-12 ..... **Harry Davies** 95
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £12,921
Lightly raced, remains open to further improvement but this is a big ask

BETTING: 2 Oolong Poobong, 5-2 Proposal, 4 Cotai Belle, 11-2 Perfect Part, 8 Passing Thought, 10 Figjam

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 1 1

2025: Dash Of Azure 3-9-6, E Greatrex 15-8 Fav (R Beckett), drw 11, 11 ran.

Sunracing FORM

OOLONG POOBONG (8-13) 9-1 towards rear, rapid headway over 1f out, ran on well and took 3rd inside final 110yds, just denied 2nd final stride, 3rd of 11 btn 2¹/₄l to Machadadora (8-9) **COTAI BELLE** (8-2) 40-1 prominent, pushed along 1f out, kept on, just held 4th when pressed towards finish, 4th (btn 4³/₄l) **PERFECT PART** (8-4) 25-1 towards rear, headway 1f out, chased leaders final 110yds, no extra towards finish, 5th (btn 5l) **FIGJAM** (8-11) 20-1 towards rear, pushed along 2f out, kept on one pace inside final furlong, 10th (btn 8³/₄l) (York 7f hcap (2) £51,540 good to soft).

PASSING THOUGHT (9-10) 17-2 keen, always behind, 9th of 11 (btn 9¹/₄l) to Jonny Concrete (9-9) (Musselburgh 7f hcap (4) £7,851 good to firm).

PROPOSAL (8-2) 11-2 towards rear, pushed along 2f out, stayed on well final furlong, never nearer, 5th of 14 (2l) to Rumba Numba (9-7) (Goodwood 1m hcap (3) £25,770 good).

3.50 RUDDING PARK HARROGATE HANDICAP (3) winner £9,421; 6f (10 runners)

1 192439 **MOSTAR DREAMS 28 (D)**
(1) A Keatley 5-10-2 ..... **Mikey Sheehy** 94
Runs: 28 Wins: 4 (S,2F,A) Places: 9 £65,594
Listed-placed mare, but top weight demands another strong effort

2 0U1326 **DARK CLOUD RISING 21 (V;CD)**
(10) D O'Meara 4-9-13 ..... **Billy Garritty** 97
Runs: 24 Wins: 5 (F,A,3G) Places: 3 £69,197
Course-and-distance winner, remains competitive despite latest defeat

3 -62618 **RAY MON DOUGH 19 (BF,D)**
(5) O Cole 3-9-11. ..... **Kevin Stott** 95
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 1 £12,763
Leicester winner who must rebound from a disappointing Windsor effort

4 9/40-5 **MIDNIGHT THUNDER 20 (D)**
(4) S bin Suroor 4-9-11 ..... **Pierre Jamin** 88
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (S,G) Places: 1 £16,148
Encouraging Southwell return and this shorter trip could unlock more

5 220703 **COMMANCHE FALLS 33 (CD)**
(2) M Dods 9-9-10 ..... **Connor Beasley** 97
Runs: 61 Wins: 12 (2S,3F,3GS,4G) Places: 12 £703,130
Veteran course-and-distance winner, returned to form latest, in the mix

6 703110 **DAPPER VALLEY 17 (D)**
(7) M Keady 5-9-8 ..... **Darragh Keenan** 96
Runs: 31 Wins: 7 (2S,2F,2A,G) Places: 3 £57,584
Dual winner before York disappointment, capable of bouncing back

7 0-1710 **MUSICAL TOUCH 42 (CD)**
(8) R & P Fahey 5-9-7 .... **Ethan Tindall (5)** 92
Runs: 19 Wins: 4 (2A,2G) Places: 4 £43,834
York winner, below best last time but remains competitively treated

8 221155 **GRASMERE BOY 28 (D)**
(9) J Camacho 3-9-6. ..... **Jason Hart** 90
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 2 £23,656
Progressive earlier this season, but two defeats temper confidence

9 441161 **THE GOOD BISCUIT 20 (D)**
(6) R Carr 5-9-5 ..... **Joanna Mason** ●99
Runs: 35 Wins: 8 (2S,5F,G) Places: 6 £74,383
Thriving and seeking a fourth win this season, can cope with 5lb rise

10 220686 **FIVETHOUSANDTOONE 35 (D)**
(3) T Easterby 8-8-12 ..... **David Allan** 88
Runs: 53 Wins: 5 (4A,GS) Places: 11 £272,915
Well treated on peak form, latest Hamilton sixth offered encouragement

BETTING: 11-4 Dark Cloud Rising, 4 The Good Biscuit, 5 Midnight Thunder, 8 Musical Touch, Commanche Falls, 10 Ray Mon Dough

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 8 0

2025: Eternal Sunshine 5-8-11, L Young 7-2 (J Goldie), drw 16, 16 ran.

Sunracing FORM

MOSTAR DREAMS (9-4) 40-1 took keen hold, held up, ridden 2f out, no impression final furlong, 9th of 10 (7⁹/₄l) to Calendar Girl (8-11) (Haydock 1m Listed (1) £39,697 good).

DARK CLOUD RISING (8-11) 5-1 slowly away, towards rear, shaken up over 2f out, never dangerous, 6th of 14 (btn 4³/₄l) to Royal Zabeel (9-7) (Ripon 6f hcap (2) £51,540 good).

RAY MON DOUGH (10-3) 6-4 fav led 3f out, headed 2f out, well held final furlong, last of 8 (btn 4⁹/₄l) to Under The Twilight (9-7) (Windsor 6f hcap (4) £5,653 good to firm).

MIDNIGHT THUNDER (9-11) 10-1 tracked leaders, pushed along 2f out, every chance final furlong, faded, 5th of 13 (5l) to Valvano (9-12) (Southwell 7f hcap (3) £9,631 AW).

DARK CLOUD RISING (10-0) 15-8 fav close up, every chance 1f out, no extra final 110yds, btn 1³/₄l by Lord Roxby (9-2) **COMMANCHE FALLS** (9-11) 5-1 pushed along halfway, never threatened, 3rd (btn 1³/₄l) (Ripon 6f hcap (3) £9,277 good).

DAPPER VALLEY (8-13) 33-1 in touch, pushed along over 3f out, ridden along and weakened over 2f out, 19th of 21 (btn 16l) to Air Force One (8-13) (York 5f (2) £69,579 good).

COMMANCHE FALLS (9-6) 33-1 towards rear, not clear run 1f out, kept on final 100 yards, no impression, 11th of 21 (btn 5l) to Stratusnine (9-7) **MUSICAL TOUCH** (8-11) 25-1 chased leaders, ridden 2f out, weakened inside final furlong, 12th (btn 5¹/₄l) (21 ran) (York 6f (2) £51,540 good to firm).

GRASMERE BOY (9-10) 16-1 mid-division, closed 2f out, ridden final furlong, beaten, 5th of 9 (btn 6¹/₄l) to Red Spells Danger (9-11) (Ascot 6f hcap (2) £41,803 good to firm).

THE GOOD BISCUIT (9-6) 10-1 prominent, pushed along over 1f out, led final furlong, ran on, bt Havana Rum (8-10) 1¹/₄l (9 ran) (Pontefract 6f hcap (3) £12,562 good to firm).

FIVETHOUSANDTOONE (8-9) 25-1 dwelt, in rear, pushed along 2f out, not clear run 1f out, never nearer, 6th of 11 (btn 2l) to Corolla Point (10-0) (Hamilton 5f hcap (2) £15,462 good).

4.25 CALVERTS CARPETS HAMBLETON CUP HANDICAP (4); value to the winner £5,234; 1m 4f. (8 runners)

1 (6) 19-5714 **SPIRIT OF ACKLAM 26** M & D Easterby 5-10-1 ..... **Joanna Mason** 97
2 (8) 34-2154 **HIGH STORM 99** K R Burke 3-9-9 ..... **Pierre Jamin** 94
3 (5) 13 **BAY OF MYTHS 138** R Newland 3-9-6 ..... **Ashley Lewis (3)** ●99
4 (4) 4-43422 **WHAT'S THE PLAN 30 (BF)** J Fanshawe 3-9-5 ..... **Harry Davies** 97
5 (1) 055/4-7 **KISIYRA 93** D Thompson 5-9-5 ..... **Ethan Tindall (5)** 74
6 (7) 4-52231 **WARDLAW 23 (H;D)** Sir M Prescott 3-9-3 ..... **Kevin Stott** 98
7 (2) 73-74 **KNIGHTSAIL 43 (H)** D Menuisier 3-9-2 ..... **Jason Hart** 94
8 (3) 648412 **MR BOLLINGER 34** M Bell 3-8-8 ..... **James Sullivan** 87

BETTING: 7-2 Wardlaw, 4 Mr Bollinger, 5 Bay Of Myths, 6 What's The Plan, 13-2 Spirit Of Acklam, 15-2 High Storm, 20 Knightsail, 66 Kisiyra

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 6 8 1 1

2025: Bosphorus Rose 3-9-9 D Hogan 11-10 Fav (Sir M Prescott) drw 6, 7 ran.

5.00 THIRSK RACECOURSE IDEAL CONFERENCE & EVENTS VENUE HCAP (DIV 1) (4); £5,234; 7f. (10 runners)

1 (2) 14-1584 **KOSOMETSUKE 81 (CD)** M Dods 4-9-11 ..... **Connor Beasley** 91
2 (6) 7677452 **MISUNDERSTOOD 7 (H;D)** D O'Meara 4-9-9 ..... **Jason Hart** 97
3 (5) 5322057 **ANDESITE 21** R Fell 4-9-9 ..... **Kevin Stott** 93
4 (8) 0888-06 **MYTHICAL PHOENIX 38 (H)** J Camacho 6-9-6 ..... **David Allan** 84
5 (3) 3323788 **FRANKIES DREAM 28 (H;D)** J Candlish 4-9-6 ..... **Darragh Keenan** 92
6 (4) 58-2614 **NATIVE INSTINCT 17 (BF,D)** E Bethell 4-9-5 ..... **Harry Davies** 96
7 (9) 8389637 **WRECK IT RYLEY 15 (B;C,D)** K Burke 6-9-5 ..... **non-runner** 94
8 (7) 0944479 **INTRUSIVELY 35 (T★)** M Appleby 4-9-1 ..... **Joanna Mason** 90
9 (10) 7100155 **NATIVE HONEY 29 (D)** J Goldie 4-9-0 ..... **Lauren Young (5)** 93
10 (1) 2741234 **GOOD KARMA 19 (CD)** J Riches 6-8-4 ..... **Ethan Tindall (5)** ●99

BETTING: 4 Native Instinct, 9-2 Frankies Dream, 6 Misunderstood, Good Karma, 13-2 Intrusively, 8 Andesite, 10 Native Honey

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 5 8 6-8 3

2025: Master Richard 6-9-8 David Egan 7-1 (Mrs A Duffield) drawn 12, 15 ran.

5.35 THIRSK RACECOURSE IDEAL CONFERENCE & EVENTS VENUE HANDICAP (DIV 2) (4); £5,234; 7f.(9 runners)

1 (6) 7863920 **STANLEY SPENCER 14** F McSharry 5-9-10 ..... **Mikey Sheehy** 84
2 (2) -015504 **OBELIX 24 (D)** J Camacho 6-9-10 ..... **Jason Hart** 93
3 (8) 0906166 **CAPITAL GUARANTEE 21 (CD)** D O'Meara 6-9-7 ..... **Billy Garritty** 97
4 (7) 0008153 **MIDNIGHT STRIKE 34** J Candlish 4-9-6 ..... **Darragh Keenan** ●99
5 (1) 0-67185 **MR KING 14 (H;CD)** G Harker 6-9-6 ..... **David Allan** 95
6 (5) 8851110 **IMPERIAL GUARD 21 (D)** M Dods 5-9-4 ..... **Connor Beasley** 98
7 (4) 1125078 **PACKETOFBISCUITS 18 (B;D)** J Mackie 4-9-1 ..... **Finlay Bassett (7)** 94
8 (9) 1320063 **FISCAL POLICY 20** R Carr 7-9-0 ..... **James Sullivan** 90
9 (3) 4406439 **NYMAN 21 (D)** R Fell 4-8-13 ..... **Joanna Mason** 89

BETTING: 4 Midnight Strike, 9-2 Imperial Guard, 5 Packetofbiscuits, 11-2 Capital Guarantee, 6 Mr King, 7 Obelix, 8 Fiscal Policy, 10 Nyman, 12 Stanley Spencer

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: See Div 1.

NICKY CON TRIAL

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quite an extraordinary display to do that.

"We've got the German programme book, the French one, the Irish one and I've got the Spanish one at the ready. We will go somewhere nice, but he will tell us where he wants to go."

Although officially the lowest-rated runner in the field, bookies have only Gethin and Group 1 winner Tornado Alert ahead of Constitution Hill in the market.

Hendo added: "The competition is ferocious. You can't expect him to be beating horses like Gethin, and a couple of others, as they are very high-class horses.

"Of course Constitution Hill is high class, but this is a different ball game.

"If it was a hurdle race I wouldn't be frightened of a lot, but over a mile and a half, on a quite quick track, that is a different prospect.

"We think he is in very good form and we are very hopeful he will run a good race."

★ **CONNECTIONS of More Thunder will be hoping a drop in class and trip will do the trick at the big St Leger Festival at Doncaster next week.**

The high-class five-year-old has finished runner-up twice in Group 1s this season, but he will drop back to seven furlongs in search of a first victory this year.

Philip Robinson, racing manager for owner Saeed Suhail, said: "He'll go for the Park Stakes at Doncaster and the drop to seven furlongs should really suit him."

Favourite WE'RE THE BIGGEST AND THE BEST FOR

BETFAIR SPRINT CUP DAY AT HAYDOCK ON ITV

TEMPLEGATE

1.25 ..... Hankelow
1.55 ..... Rocket Boy (nb)
2.30 ..... Galilean Quality
3.05 Kissmehoneyhoney
3.40 ..... Marvelman
4.15 ..... Jer Batt
4.50 ..... Rhoscolyn
5.25 ..... Military Leader

TOM PEPPER

1.25 .... Needle Match (nb)
1.55 ..... Rafe's da Man
2.30 ..... Mythical Bay
3.05 .....Dancing In Paris
3.40 ..... ALMERAQ (nap)
4.15 ..... Trilby
4.50 ..... Ata Rangi
5.25 ..... Crown Office

TEMPLEGATE'S TRIO: Gethin (Kempton) and Rocket Boy (double) with Marvelman (both Haydock). TOM PEPPER'S DOUBLE: Almeraq and Needle Match (both Haydock). SUNRATINGS' NAP: AEGEAN PRINCE (3.05 Haydock). THE JUDGE: GETHIN (2.50 Kempton).

TIC-TAC: Left-handed oval track of 1m 5f with a 4f straight. The 5f & 6f races are run on the straight.
DRAW: In 5f & 6f races on soft ground high numbers have an advantage.
FAVOURITES: (2021-2026): 322 have won out of 1,024 races (31%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 48 have won out of 174 races (28%).
JACKPOT: 1-6.
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TOP TRAINERS

2021-2026 W Haggas 48-178, K R Burke 35-207, E Walker 28-142, D O'Meara 26-199, C Appleby 23-64, J & T Gosden 19-79, H Palmer 19-150, C Cox 17-89, E Bethell 16-88, A Balding 15-125. **THIS SEASON:** K R Burke 5, E Walker 4, W Haggas 2.

TOP JOCKEYS

2021-2026 T Marquand 35-190, W Buick 28-94, D Tudhope 22-158, H Crouch 21-106, J Doyle 17-85, C Lee 17-142, P J McDonald 15-120, P Mulrennan 12-114, S M Levey 7-65, David Egan 7-100. **THIS SEASON:** C Lee 3, H Crouch 3, P J McDonald 2.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: 1.25 Redemption Road D Marnane (Ire) to N Keady; **3.05 Glen To Glen** J P O'Brien (Ire) to N Scholfield. **RACEFAX:** M Appleby won the 4.15 in 2023 & 2024. W Haggas won the 3.05 in 2023 & 2025. A Balding won the 2.30 in 2016 & 2019. K R Burke won the 1.25 in 2024 & 2025. I Williams won the 3.05 in 2018 & 2019. **LONGEST TRAVELLERS: Bridge Of Eagles** (2.30) & **Lopeo** (2.30) trained by D Menuisier, Pulborough, round trip of 464 miles; **Mountain Road** (3.05) & **American Affair** (3.40) trained by J Goldie, Glasgow, round trip of 428 miles; **Coppull** (3.40), **James's Delight** (3.40), **Star Anthem** (4.50), C Cox, Hungerford, trip 384 miles.

UNDER ORDERS

SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: Trilby (4.15) won at Beverley (5f). **BLINKERED FIRST TIME:** 5.25 Miletus. **VISORED FIRST TIME:** None. **FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP:** None. **WEIGHTWATCHER:** 4.50 **Darkness** (won off 89 down 4lb to 85); **Rhoscolyn** (won off 97 down 15lb to 82); 5.25 **Yanifer** (won off 92 down 7lb to 85). **JOB JOCKEYS:** W Buick rides **First Law** (1.55), **Aegean Prince** (3.05) for C Appleby, 848 from 2850, 30%. James Doyle rides **Valedictory** (3.05) for J & T Gosden, 82 from 363, 23%. C Hutchinson rides **Balmacara** (1.25) for E J-Houghton, 17 from 78, 22%. T Marquand rides **Needle Match** (1.25), **Finalise** (3.05), **Almeraq** (3.40), **Crown Office** (5.25) for W Haggas, 448 from 2085, 21%. P J McDonald rides **The Lost King** (1.25), **Arthurian** (1.55), **Marvelman** (3.40) for A Balding, 72 from 359, 20%. J Doyle rides **Persica** (1.25) for R Hannon, 29 from 143, 20%.

1.25 BETFAIR BACKS OPINIONS SUPERIOR MILE STAKES (GRP 3) £53,874; 1m (9 runners)

1 0-3760 **BALMACARA 63**
(3) E J-Houghton 5-9-5 .**Callum Hutchinson 82**
Runs: 17 Wins: 2 (2S) Places: 5 £64,546
Below best lately, soft suits and 1m is ideal, needs a revival at this level

2 0-6455 **DANCING GEMINI 42 (D)**
(7) R Teal 5-9-5. . . . . **William Buick ●99**
Runs: 21 Wins: 4 (S,2GS,G) Places: 4 £619,201
Below form over further latest, return to 1m helps, soft ground will suit

3 14-002 **FONDO BLANCO 7 (CD)**
(4) R Varian 4-9-5. . . . . **Ray Dawson 92**
Runs: 12 Wins: 2 (S,GS) Places: 6 £69,984
Back to form with a good second on soft latest, likes it here, e-w claims

4 425213 **PERSICA 14 (D)**
(1) R Hannon 5-9-5 . . . . . **James Doyle 98**
Runs: 26 Wins: 8 (S,2F,A,2GS,2G) Places: 3 £362,074
Holding form well this term, proven on soft and stays further, go close

5 134011 **THE LOST KING 16 (D)**
(8) A Balding 4-9-5 . . . . . **P J McDonald 96**
Runs: 13 Wins: 5 (F,2A,GS,G) Places: 3 £178,549
Thriving after two hcap wins, conditions no issue, strong claims again

6 -12102 **COLORI FOREVER 58**
(6) M Botti 3-9-0. . . . . **Marco Ghiani 97**
Runs: 8 Wins: 3 (F,A,G) Places: 2 £65,067
Good Listed second over 1m latest, run well in the mud previously, fancied

7 21-309 **HANKELOW 14 (D)**
(5) K R Burke 3-9-0 . . . . . **Clifford Lee 96**
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 2 £117,441
Below best at York last time, third in French Guineas, one to watch

8 1-402 **NEEDLE MATCH 30**
(2) W Haggas 3-9-0. . . . . **Tom Marquand 98**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (S) Places: 1 £23,410
Encouraging second in a Group 3 at Leopardstown, will love conditions

9 8-3363 **REDEMPTION ROAD 86 (D)**
(9) M Keady 3-9-0 . . . . . **Hector Crouch 89**
Runs: 9 Wins: 1 Places: 3 £31,091
Looks a big priced judged on latest third in a Group 3, one to watch

BETTING: 3 Dancing Gemini, 4 Persica, Needle Match, 9-2 Hankelow, 8 The Lost King, 10 Colori Forever, 20 Fondo Blanco
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 1 2 2 1
2025: Zeus Olympios 3-9-0, W Buick 11-4F (K R Burke), drw 5, 9 ran.

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BALMACARA (9-5) 50-1 took keen hold, led, ridden and headed 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 11th of 14 (btn 8l) to Indalo (9-1) (Sandown 1m hcap (2) £61,152 good to firm).
DANCING GEMINI (9-8) 16-1 in touch, dropped to last when waiting for room 3f out, well beaten 1f out, last of 5 (btn 14l) to Item (9-2) (York 1¹/₄m Grp 2 (1) £93,572 good to firm).
FONDO BLANCO (9-9) 14-1 prominent, led 2f out, hung right 1f out, headed inside final furlong, soon no chance with winner, kept on, btn 2l by Forty Years On (9-4) (11 ran) (Goodwood 7f hcap (2) £51,540 good to soft).
PERSICA (9-7) 11-2 towards rear, pushed along 2f out, soon took 3rd, one pace, 3rd of 11 (btn 9¹/₄l) to Archivist (9-7) **HANKELOW** (9-0) 11-2 prominent, pushed along 2f out, weakened 1f out, 9th (btn 18l) (York 1m 1f Grp 3 (1) £99,242 good to soft).
THE LOST KING (9-6) 7-1 raced in 2nd, closed halfway, led 2f out, soon went clear, ran on well, readily, bt Bullet Point (9-5) 2¹/₄l (14 ran) (York 1m hcap (2) £77,310 good to soft).
COLORI FOREVER (9-5) 13-2 held up, pushed along 1f out, ran on well final furlong, took 2nd final strides, 2¹/₄l by Shayem (9-5) (7 ran) (Newmarket 1m Listed (1) £34,026 good to firm).
NEEDLE MATCH (9-2) 13-2 in touch, kept on well final 150 yards to go 2nd closing stages, btn 1¹/₄l by Isaac Newton (9-2) (8 ran) (Leopardstown 1m Grp 3 (1) €42,000 good).
REDEMPTION ROAD (8-13) 12-1 towards rear, improved to 3rd final furlong, kept on closing stages, not reach leaders, 3rd of 7 (btn 1¹/₄l) to Native Warrior (9-9) (Leopardstown 7f Grp 3 (1) €42,000 soft).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

1.25

HANKELOW can hit back. Karl Burke's colt has something to prove after two defeats but there are good reasons to forgive both and his best form puts him bang in the picture. He looked a serious prospect when winning a Group 3 over a mile at Newmarket last autumn before returning with a cracking third in the French 2,000 Guineas. A longer trip on quicker ground didn't work next time and he returned from 11 weeks off at York last month where he went for home too soon. Dropping back to a mile should help and he has already run well on soft ground. Burke has won the past two runnings of this too. **Needle Match** is a big danger. He won on heavy at two and returned to form with a Group 3 second at Leopardstown last month. **The Lost King** is flying after back-to-back York handicap wins and soft ground clearly suits, although this demands another jump forward. **Persica** brings Group form and handles soft, while **Fondo Blanco** bounced back with a good second at Goodwood last week. **Dancing Gemini** has the class but his record on soft and heavy ground is a major concern.

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TODAY'S PICKS AT HAYDOCK

LEG 1 ..... Hankelow, Needle Match
LEG 2 ..... Rocket Boy
LEG 3 ..... Galilean Quality, Asia Force
LEG 4 ..... Kissmehoneyhoney, Stressfree
LEG 5 ..... Marvelman, Kind Of Blue
LEG 6 ..... Jer Batt, Trilby

1.55 BETFAIR BOW ECHO ASCENDANT STAKES (LISTED) 2-Y-O; £25,520; 1m (6 runners)

1 62 **ARTHURIAN 29**
(2) A Balding 9-4 . . . . . **P J McDonald 87**
Runs: 2 Places: 1 £3,296
Improved when second over 1m here latest, but this is a big step up

2 1 **FIRST LAW 30 (D)**
(3) C Appleby 9-4 . . . . . **William Buick ●99**
Runs: 1 Wins: 1 (F) £7,020
£1 million recruit, overcame greenness to win on debut, hard to beat

3 4431 **RAFE'S DA MAN 35**
(6) R Hannon 9-4. . . . . **Sean Levey 97**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £42,205
Improved to win valuable maiden at Goodwood latest, ground will suit

4 13 **ROCKET BOY 24**
(5) M Botti 9-4. . . . . **Marco Ghiani 96**
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (F) £12,938
Promising third in Listed company at Salisbury latest, still learning

5 4723 **ROMANZA 39 (H★)**
(4) C Fellowes 9-4 . . . . . **Paddy Bradley 89**
Runs: 4 Places: 1 £6,149
Yet to win a race but has shown decent form in defeat, hood now tried

6 551432 **THEHEATISON 16**
(1) N Scholfield 9-4. . . . . **Stevie Donohoe 90**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £30,362
50-1 but big eyecatcher when second at York latest, could surprise a few

BETTING: Evens First Law, 7-4 Rocket Boy, 7 Rafe's da Man, 12 Arthurian, 16 Romanza, 20 Theheatison
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 1 2 7 1
2025: Bow Echo 9-4, B Loughnane 5-6 Fav (G Boughey), drw 2, 7 ran.

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ARTHURIAN (9-7) 6-4 prominent, headway to lead inside final furlong, headed final 110yds, no extra, btn 2³/₄l by Burning Up (9-7) (6 ran) (Haydock 1m mdn (3) £7,020 good).
FIRST LAW (9-7) 8-11 fav raced in last, ran green 3f out, good headway 1f out, ridden to lead narrowly, faced challenge final 150yds, just held on, bt Flight Tracker (9-7) hd (4 ran) (Sandown 1m mdn (3) £7,020 good).
RAFE'S DA MAN (9-2) 12-1 front rank, pressed leader going best over 1f out, soon led, ridden inside final furlong, kept on well, bt Charted Course (9-2) 1¹/₄l (13 ran) (Goodwood 7f mdn (2) £38,655 good to firm).
ROCKET BOY (9-3) 14-1 in rear, pushed along 3f out, improved 2f out, went 3rd final furlong and ran on well, nearest finish, 3rd of 6 (btn ³/₄l) to Quest For Stars (9-3) (Salisbury 1m Listed (1) £31,190 good to firm).
ROMANZA (9-7) 9-4 chased leader, shaken up 2f out, edged right 1f out, no extra towards finish, 3rd of 4 (btn 3l) to Vega King (9-7) (Beverley 7f nov stks (3) £6,480 good to firm).
THEHEATISON (8-2) 50-1 took keen hold, held up, headway 2f out, hung right and then switched right inside final furlong, kept on well, btn 2¹/₂l by Mia Fantasia (8-8) (18 ran) (York 7f hcap (2) £51,540 good to soft).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

1.55

ROCKET BOY can blast home. Marco Botti's colt has made a cracking start to his career. He caused an upset on debut at Yarmouth when winning well despite trouble in running. He then took a sizeable step forward when thrown into Listed company at Salisbury. That third was packed with promise despite him looking pretty green. He looked to be learning all the way and was doing his best work at the finish over this mile trip. Heavy ground is an unknown but his dam is by Pivotal and that family normally loves lots of cut. **First Law** is the one to worry about. The million-guinea colt overcame greenness to win on debut and could improve a bundle on that if handling slow ground. **Rafe's Da Man** is progressing and arrives after a solid Goodwood maiden success but the ground is unknown again. **Theheatison** has proven soft-going form and his stamina will come into play in the conditions but he looks short on form. **Arthurian** ran well when second here on good to firm latest and can figure if handling the ground for Andrew Balding.

2.30 BEST ODDS ON THE BETFAIR HANDICAP (2) 3-Y-O; £51,540; 1m 6f (8 runners)

1 131612 **GALILEAN QUALITY 14 (D)**
(6) K R Burke 9-9. . . . . **Clifford Lee ●99**
Runs: 9 Wins: 4 (S,F,2A) Places: 2 £104,155
Thriving, career best when runner-up in the Melrose at York, one to beat

2 123119 **MYTHICAL BAY 14 (D)**
(3) A Balding 9-5 . . . . . **Daniel Tudhope 97**
Runs: 9 Wins: 3 (F,A,GS) Places: 2 £76,748
Progressive before latest defeat at York, stamina assured, dangerous

3 324228 **PIERRE GROSSE 28 (T★)**
(2) J Harrington (Ire) 8-11. . **Keithen Kennedy (5) 95**
Runs: 9 Places: 4 £33,131
Holding form well without winning, soft suits and has no stamina doubts

4 222341 **ASIA FORCE 25 (D)**
(8) K R Burke 8-10 . . . . . **William Buick 98**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £17,049
Easy winner latest and stamina assured, useful second string for yard

5 15-227 **LOPEO 63**
(4) D Menuisier 8-10 . . . . . **Hector Crouch 96**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (S) Places: 2 £32,208
Fast ground to blame for latest flop, conditions will suit, one to watch

6 3-0213 **REEM RAK 21 (BF)**
(1) R Varian 8-7. . . . . **Ray Dawson 91**
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 2 £13,488
Bit disappointing when narrowly beaten at Newmarket latest, bit to find

7 6-1633 **BRIDGE OF EAGLES 63 (BF)**
(5) D Menuisier 8-5 . . . . . **Laura Pearson 93**
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 3 £10,569
Consistent and no ground concerns, step up in trip likely to suit, player

8 42-164 **COTTON BUD 35**
(7) S Lycett 8-2. . . . . **Tyler Heard 82**
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £9,461
Comes here 3lb wrong at the weights, current mark demands more now

BETTING: 15-8 Galilean Quality, 5-2 Mythical Bay, 9-2 Reem Rak, 7 Asia Force, 14 Lopeo, 16 Pierre Grosse, 20 Bridge Of Eagles, 33 Cotton Bud
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 4 3 1 5
2025: Valiancy 8-5, S Osborne 4-1 (W Haggas), drawn 9, 10 ran.

Sunracing FORM

GALILEAN QUALITY (8-9) 12-1 in rear, ridden when hampered 2f out, stayed on well and moved into 2nd towards finish, not trouble winner, btn 2l by Infraad (9-1) **MYTHICAL BAY** (8-10) 4-1 raced wide, handy, ridden 2f out, weakened 1f out, 9th (btn 8l) (17 ran) (York 4¹/₂m hcap (2) £92,772 good).
PIERRE GROSSE (9-9) 13-2 towards rear, never on terms, 8th of 10 (btn 5l) to Archers Bay (10-2) (Ascot 1¹/₂m hcap (3) £41,803 good to firm).
ASIA FORCE (9-2) 6-4 fav made all, clear final furlong, unchallenged, bt Dance Time (9-7) 5¹/₄l (6 ran) (Carlisle 1¹/₂m hcap (4) £5,496 good).
MYTHICAL BAY (9-6) 4-1 handy, led inside final furlong, pressed towards finish, just prevailed, bt Magnetude (9-9) ns **LOPEO** (9-3) 4-1 tracked leaders, ridden 2f out, weakened 2f out, last (well btn) (Newmarket 1¹/₂m hcap (2) £51,540 good to firm).
REEM RAK (8-13) 7-4 fav keen in touch, outpaced 2f out, headway to press leader inside final furlong, all out towards finish, just denied, 3rd of 5 (btn ¹/₂l) to Dojin (9-12) (Newmarket 1¹/₂m hcap (3) £18,039 good to firm).
BRIDGE OF EAGLES (9-7) 10-3 fav prominent, outpaced 1f out, no extra final 110yds, 3rd of 8 (btn 3¹/₂l) to Tambora (9-7) (Sandown 1¹/₂m hcap (4) £7,851 good to firm).
COTTON BUD (8-13) 4-1 tracked leaders, ridden 2f out, kept on, 4th of 10 (3¹/₂l) to Cabrera (10-4) (Hamilton 1m 5f hcap (4) £5,286 good to soft).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

2.30

GALILEAN QUALITY keeps on improving and can land another big staying prize. Karl Burke's progressive three-year-old produced his best yet when second in the Melrose at York. He had a mountain to climb from the rear that day but powered through the field, grabbing second late. That effort confirmed 1m6f is right up his street and he goes on soft ground. Stablemate **Asia Force** could be dangerous. He looked transformed after being gelded when hammering his rivals over this trip at Carlisle. The ground is an unknown though. **Reem Rak** is another thriving stayer. She followed a 16-length Doncaster romp with a close third at Newmarket and has run well on soft. **Lopeo** is interesting back on testing ground having won on heavy as a juvenile, while **Mythical Bay** has three wins this season but was behind Galilean Quality at York and needs more to turn that around. **Bridge Of Eagles** looks the type to improve for this stamina test and won't be far away.

3.05 BETFAIR EXCHANGE OLD BOROUGH CUP HCAP (2) £51,540; 1m 6f (14 runners)

1 31/12- **AEGEAN PRINCE 320 (BF)**
(9) C Appleby 4-9-12 . . . . . **William Buick ●99**
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (A,GS) Places: 1 £25,687
Lightly raced, belated return this season but he could be different class

2 -27086 **STRESSFREE 14 (C)**
(7) D O'Meara 6-9-10. . . . . **Mark Winn 97**
Runs: 34 Wins: 4 (3S,G) Places: 13 £185,047
Better effort when sixth in Ebor latest, handles ground, fair chance

3 261157 **VALEDICTORY 17 (B;D)**
(5) J & T Gosden 4-9-8. . . . . **non-runner 95**
Runs: 9 Wins: 3 (F,A,G) Places: 2 £97,407
Progress stalled lately, stays this trip well but ground concerns, out

4 0-9051 **DANCING IN PARIS 28 (C,D)**
(6) I Williams 6-9-6. . . . . **David Egan 93**
Runs: 35 Wins: 5 (F,A,3G) Places: 11 £227,061
Back to winning form in the Shergar Cup, slog in the mud unlikely to suit

5 7-1010 **IN THE BREEZE 17 (C)**
(3) H Knight 8-9-5 . . . . . **Ray Dawson 97**
Runs: 32 Wins: 7 (F,3S,GS,2G) Places: 4 £84,193
Well held latest, but will be happier back on softer ground, shortlist

6 435132 **MOUNTAIN ROAD 17 (D)**
(11) J Goldie 7-9-5. . . . . **non-runner 98**
Runs: 22 Wins: 5 (F,3A,G) Places: 5 £121,516
Better than ever when second at York, ground is a big concern, out

7 2212-3 **FINALISE 27**
(2) W Haggas 4-9-4. . . . . **Tom Marquand 97**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 3 £25,494
Promising return in Listed company in Germany latest, more to come

8 53-134 **SYNERGISM 43 (P★;D)**
(13) Sir M Prescott 4-9-4 . . . . . **non-runner 95**
Runs: 16 Wins: 5 (3A,2G) Places: 4 £63,955
Below best at Ascot latest, stamina is assured, ruled out yesterday

9 -83427 **ASHNAK 42**
(10) D O'Meara 4-9-2. . . . . **Daniel Tudhope 96**
Runs: 10 Wins: 1 (S) Places: 2 £45,892
Poor latest after consistent efforts, no ground concerns, lively outsider

10 350953 **POLE STAR 20 (P★;CD)**
(12) C Johnston 4-8-10 . . . . . **Hector Crouch 98**
Runs: 16 Wins: 3 (S,2G) Places: 2 £123,487
Back down to a good mark, cheekpieces will help, leading contender

11 4-4644 **HERMETIC 28**
(14) I Williams 4-8-8. . . . . **Andrew Mullen 96**
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (2S) Places: 2 £29,467
Two solid efforts lately, soft suits, shorter trip should prove more suitable

12 297-09 **GLEN TO GLEN J21**
(8) N Scholfield 4-8-7 . . . . . **Stevie Donohoe 89**
Runs: 10 Wins: 1 (S) Places: 2 £24,021
Useful form in Ireland, yard knows time of day, check for market move

13 1-82 **KISSMEHONEYHONEY 35**
(1) W Haggas 4-8-6. . . . . **Sean D Bowen 95**
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (GS) Places: 1 £8,822
Lightly raced, fair effort at Hamilton latest, go well off nice racing weight

14 8/4292 **GOLDEN WEST 29**
(4) T Easterby 5-8-5. . . . . **Duran Fentiman 90**
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 2 £35,235
Back to form when second latest, unexposed as a stayer, check betting

BETTING: 11-4 Aegean Prince, 9-2 Finalise, 15-2 Stressfree, 8 Pole Star, 10 Hermetic, 12 Dancing In Paris, 14 Glen To Glen
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5 3 0 3 1
2025: The Reverend 4-9-5, T Marquand 7-2F (W Haggas), drw 7, 15 ran.

EACH-WAY THIEF

THE LOST KING (1.25 Haydock) loved soft ground when winning at York last time and will be right there again. Have an each-way double with COPPULL (3.40 Haydock) who will be hard to stop if handling the testing condiitons.

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V: 1.25, 1.55, 2.30, 3.05 & 3.40

GOING: HEAVY

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EAN PRINCE (8-13) 4-9 fav close up, driven 2f pressed leader inside final furlong, nearest thg, btn 1¼l by Viking Invasion (8-13) (10 ran) auville 1f/-m Listed £20,785 good to soft).

SSFREE (9-1) 50-1 towards rear, pushed along ut and closed, ran on when switched left, not ible leaders, 6th of 22 (btn 4¾l) to Daiquiri Bay) (York 1½-m (2) £300,000 good to soft).

NTAIN ROAD (8-7) 20-1 towards rear, going okay plenty to do 3f out, kept on well and went 2nd de final furlong, held towards finish, btn 1l by all Fry (9-6) **VALEDICTORY** (9-5) 6-1 slowly away, r of mid-division, nudged along 4f out, plenty to 3f out, plugged on 1f out, made no telling ression, 7th (btn 8l) **IN THE BREEZE** (9-3) 28-1 ind, never a factor, 13th (btn 18l) (16 ran) (York hcap (2) £51,540 good to firm).

CING IN PARIS (9-6) 17-2 tracked leaders, ing for gap 2f out, pushed along 1f out, ran on to lead closing stages, bt Shrimp Shady (9-6) 1l **UNTAIN ROAD** (9-3) 10-1 held up, improved 3f ran on well final furlong, nearest finish, 3rd (btn **HERMETIC** (8-11) 8-1 chased leaders, led over ut, ridden and headed 1f out, battled on until no a closing stages, 4th (btn 1¾l) **POLE STAR** (9-0) raced wide early, handy, pushed along 2f out, ed on, not pace to challenge, 5th (btn 2l) (10 ran) cot 2m hcap (2) £41,803 good to firm).

LISE (8-11) 4-1 keen in touch, headway over 1f kept on, 3rd of 7 (btn 2¼l) to Nastaria (9-4) ppegarten 1¾-m Listed £17,355 good).

RGISM (9-6) 9-4 raced in last, effort 2f out, lost and no extra final furlong, last of 4 (btn 11l) to hner (9-5) (Ascot 2m hcap (3) £15,462 good).

AK (9-11) 9-2 mid-division, short of room and ched right 2f out, never on terms, 7th of 10 (btn kealot (10-0) (York 1¼-m hcap (3) £15,462 good).

STAR (10-2) 3-1 led, headed after 5f, pushed ng 3f out, rallied final furlong, slightly hampered en held final 110yds, 3rd of 5 (4l) to Letsbefrank) (Pontefract 2m 1f hcap (3) £12,562 good).

TO GLEN (9-13) 5-1 mid-division, ridden and no a 2 ½l out, last of 9 (14l) to Lough Leane (8-3) linrobe 1¼-m hcap €9,000 good to yielding).

MEHONEYHONEY (10-1) 5-1 led, headed over 2f plugged on same pace inside final furlong, no nce with winner, btn 4l by Tiernan (9-13) (5 ran) milton 1m 3f nov mdn (3) £7,290 good).

EN WEST (8-10) 14-1 held up in touch, headway ut, took 2nd near finish, 2¼l by Master Vintner) (6 ran) (Thirsk 1¼-m hcap (3) £9,720 good).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

SSMEHONEYHONEY could be he handicap blot lurking at the ottom of the weights. William aggas's (*below*) lightly-raced lly has had just three starts nd makes her handicap debut om a lowly mark with plenty come. She showed a good ttitude to win on debut last eason before being pitched into isted company at Goodwood return. That didn't work ut but she got firmly back on ack when second at Hamilton st month. Her pedigree points rongly towards stamina and er low weight means she's surely verpriced each-way at least.

Aegean Prince sets the standard for Charlie Appleby. He has been off for 320 days but was last seen finishing a close second on soft at Deauville and looks unexposed. The selection's stablemate **Finalise** also commands respect after returning from a long absence with a Listed third over this trip Germany. **Stressfree** ran a racker when sixth in the Ebor nd is proven on heavy. He was aird in this race last season and lower in the handicap this time round. **Dancing In Paris** arrives form after winning at Ascot nd also handles deep ground so has to be in the place picture. **Ashnak** is another mudlark to consider, having gained his sole French victory on heavy, although moving up to 1m6f asks a new stamina question.

POLE STAR (3.05 Haydock) is all about stamina and will get the slog he relishes today and can hit the frame.

3.40 BETFAIR SPRINT CUP STAKES (GROUP 1) winner £226,840; 6f (9 runners)

1 1F-119 **ALMERAQ 56 (D)**
(4) W Haggas 4-9-5 ..... **Tom Marquand** ●99
Runs: 8 Wins: 4 (S,F,GS,G) Places: 2 £632,702
Jubilee winner, July Cup flop easy to forgive, loves soft, one to beat

2 020610 **AMERICAN AFFAIR 15 (D)**
(1) J Goldie 6-9-5 ..... **non-runner** 91
Runs: 28 Wins: 9 (4F,3GS,2G) Places: 8 £847,474
Busy season already, hard race in Nunthorpe at York, ruled out yesterday

3 -12505 **ARAMRAM 21 (D)**
(9) R Hannon 5-9-5 ..... **Sean Levey** 92
Runs: 27 Wins: 6 (2S,F,A,GS,G) Places: 8 £246,498
Useful early season form, Group 1 might be beyond him, place shout

4 0-7801 **BIG MOJO 27 (CD)**
(7) M Appleby 4-9-5 ..... **William Buick** 97
Runs: 16 Wins: 4 (3F,G) Places: 3 £602,527
Defending champ, returned to form with Group 3 win, on the shortlist

5 00-633 **JAMES'S DELIGHT 27 (D)**
(3) C Cox 5-9-5 ..... **Clifford Lee** 94
Runs: 20 Wins: 6 (S,2GS,3G) Places: 3 £222,846
Holding form at this level, relishes mud, but a career best required

6 320-20 **KIND OF BLUE 77 (D)**
(6) J Fanshawe 5-9-5 ..... **James Doyle** 98
Runs: 14 Wins: 3 (S,F,A) Places: 6 £571,229
Runner-up for last two years, soft ground in his favour, firmly in mix

7 0-9263 **MARVELMAN 14**
(5) A Balding 4-9-5 ..... **P J McDonald** 95
Runs: 14 Wins: 2 (S,A) Places: 7 £215,207
Back near his best with third in a Group 1 at York latest, dangerous

8 /13-18 **PABORUS 14 (D)**
(8) E Bethell 5-9-5 ..... **Daniel Tudhope** 96
Runs: 9 Wins: 5 (S,F,2A,G) Places: 1 £95,920
Given poor ride when down the field at York, return to sprinting is a plus

9 3-1841 **COPPULL 21 (D)**
(2) C Cox 3-9-3 ..... **Hector Crouch** 95
Runs: 9 Wins: 4 (2F,2G) Places: 2 £365,815
Group 2 winner over 7f last time, connections worried about soft ground

BETTING: 9-4 Almeraq, 4 Kind Of Blue, 5 Coppull, 11-2 Marvelman, 13-2 Big Mojo, 8 Paborus, 12 Aramram, 14 James's Delight

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 0 0 0 5

2025: Big Mojo 3-9-3, W Buick 16-1 (M Appleby), drw 15, 17 ran.

Sunracing FORM

COPPULL (9-2) 28-1 midfield, hung right inside final furlong, kept on, 4th of 11 (btn 1¼l) to Comanche Brave (9-8) **ALMERAQ** (9-8) 11-2 chased leaders, pushed along 2f out, weakened 1f out, 9th (btn 8¾l) **BIG MOJO** (9-8) 12-1 pulled hard, handy, led 2f out, ridden 1f out, soon faded, 10th (btn 8¾l) (11 ran) (Newmarket 6f Grp 1 (1) £453,680 good to firm).

AMERICAN AFFAIR (10-1) 5-1 slow into stride, prominent, drifted right when ridden 1f out, no extra, 12th of 18 (btn 5l) to Bacio (9-13) (York 5f Grp 1 (1) £340,260 good to soft).

ARAMRAM (9-12) 7-1 prominent, pushed along 2f out, led 1f out, no impression inside final furlong, 5th of 14 (btn 3¾l) to Royal Zabeel (9-7) (Ripon 6f hcap (2) £51,540 good).

BIG MOJO (9-7) 5-4 fav tracked leader, pushed along 2f out, led final furlong, kept on well final 100 yards, bt Bucanero Fuerte (9-7) 1¾l

JAMES'S DELIGHT (9-7) 4-1 tracked leaders, pushed along 2f out, kept on 1f out, 3rd (btn 1¾l) (5 ran) (Curragh 6f Grp 3 (1) €42,000 good to firm).

ALMERAQ (9-5) 25-1 midfield, headway final furlong, ran on well to lead post, bt Satono Reve (9-5) ns **KIND OF BLUE** (9-5) 18-1 behind, ridden 1f out, weakened, 11th (btn 5l) **ARAMRAM** (9-5) 100-1 handy, ridden 2f out, weakened, 15th (14l) (18 ran) (Ascot 6f Grp 1 (1) £567,100 good to firm).

MARVELMAN (9-8) 18-1 led, headed final furlong, kept on one pace, 3rd of 14 (btn 2½l) to Notable Speech (9-8) **PABORUS** (9-8) 22-1 rear of mid-division, faded 1f out, 8th (5¼l) (York 7f Grp 1 £340,260 good to soft).

COPPULL (9-2) 15-2 prominent, led 2f out, ran on final furlong, bt Prince Of India (9-8) 1¾l (9 ran) (Newbury 7f Grp 2 (1) £93,572 good to firm).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

3.40

MARVELMAN looks a muddy marvel in the Sprint Cup. Andrew Balding's four-year-old looks primed for a huge run with conditions coming right. He produced one of his best efforts when third behind Notable Speech in the Group 1 City Of York Stakes over 7f a fortnight ago, travelling strongly before seeing the race out well. Dropping back to 6f looks ideal and, with heavy ground-winning form, today's testing surface holds no fears. Marvelman also ran a cracker over this trip in Newcastle's Chipchase Stakes in June and a strongly-run six should bring his stamina into play. **Kind Of Blue** is the big danger. The 2024 British Champions Sprint winner finished second in this race last year, handles soft ground and has already shown his class at the highest level. James Fanshawe also knows exactly what it takes to win this prize. **Almeraq** is another serious threat. He looked top class when landing the Group 1 Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot and can be forgiven his free-going July Cup defeat. He handles soft ground and could bounce straight back. Last year's winner **Big Mojo** arrives after a Curragh Group 3 victory, while improving Hungerford winner **Coppull** has claims if handling softer ground.

SEE 2-3 FOR TEMPLEGATE'S PINSTICKERS

3.40 HAYDOCK — TRAFFIC LIGHT RATINGS (5 = EXCELLENT 3 = AVERAGE 1 = POOR)

	HORSE	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
1	ALMERAQ	3	5	5	4	4	2	5	2	30/40
~~2~~	~~AMERICAN AFFAIR~~	~~3~~	~~1~~	~~1~~	~~3~~	~~1~~	~~3~~	~~1~~	~~1~~	~~14/40~~
3	ARAMRAM	3	2	4	2	3	1	2	1	18/40
4	BIG MOJO	5	4	2	4	3	4	1	5	28/40
5	JAMESS DELIGHT	2	3	1	1	1	1	3	3	15/40
6	KIND OF BLUE	4	2	2	1	2	3	3	4	21/40
7	MARVELMAN	3	1	2	2	2	4	4	2	20/40
8	PABORUS	3	3	3	3	5	2	4	3	26/40
9	COPPULL	3	4	1	5	4	5	3	4	29/40

4.15 BETFAIR BE FRIENDLY HANDICAP (2) winner £23,193; 5f (10 runners)

1 513-37 **POATAN 17**
(4) G Scott 3-9-11 ..... **David Egan** 93
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 3 £54,988
Fair return but below best at York last time, soft ground is a concern

2 563106 **TOYOTOMI 6 (D)**
(6) D O'Meara 5-9-9 ..... **Daniel Tudhope** 97
Runs: 26 Wins: 5 (3S,GS) Places: 5 £120,241
Respectable effort on soft at Goodwood latest, drop in trip will suit

3 131510 **ARKLOW LAD 35 (D)**
(7) M Appleby 4-9-7 ..... **Clifford Lee** 95
Runs: 12 Wins: 4 (S,A,2GS) Places: 3 £97,676
Poor latest on firm, previous soft ground wins read strongly, dangerous

4 4-2902 **ADVERTISED 15**
(8) G Tuer 3-9-7 ..... **Oliver Stammers** 91
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 3 £33,823
Back near his best when second at Hamilton latest, check conditions

5 8-1600 **BLACK STAR BOY 17 (D)**
(1) E Walker 3-9-4 ..... **Tom Marquand** 90
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (GS,G) £20,310
Struggled since Sandown win earlier in the season, needs a revival now

6 131041 **TRILBY 7 (CD)**
(5) S England 6-9-3 ..... **P J McDonald** ●99
Runs: 48 Wins: 8 (5S,GS,2G) Places: 12 £102,205
Thriving in the mud and won well at Beverley latest, strongly fancied

7 -52940 **STURLASSON 15 (D)**
(9) J Ryan 5-9-1 ..... **Stevie Donohoe** 92
Runs: 29 Wins: 4 (2A,GS,G) Places: 6 £67,128
Poor latest effort needs forgiving, trip ideal and soft suits, interesting

8 404314 **MARCHING MAC 7 (P★;D)**
(3) P McEntee 5-8-12 ..... **Tyler Heard** 91
Runs: 36 Wins: 8 (4S,GS,3G) Places: 6 £59,361
Usually struggles off marks in the 80s, cheekpieces now tried, ignore

9 14-842 **ELARA MAY 6 (D)**
(2) P McBride 3-8-11 ..... **Hector Crouch** 89
Runs: 12 Wins: 4 (2F,A,G) Places: 2 £31,280
Good second latest and drop in trip worked well, needs another step up

10 -73345 **JER BATT 1 (BF,CD)**
(10) D & N Barron 6-8-9 ..... **Ray Dawson** 94
Runs: 31 Wins: 3 (A,GS,G) Places: 11 £147,173
Fair efforts of late, soft ground suits and close 5th here yesterday, threat

BETTING: 3 Trilby, 4 Advertised, 9-2 Elara May, 6 Toyotomi, 13-2 Arklow Lad, 10 Jer Batt, 12 Marching Mac, 14 Sturlasson, 16 Poatan, 25 Black Star Boy

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 8 4-8 4 1 2

2025: Democracy Dilemma 5-9-9, T Eaves 12-1 (R Cowell), drw 1, 9 ran.

Sunracing FORM

POATAN (9-6) 12-1 midfield, ridden 2f out, kept on same pace inside final furlong, 7th of 19 (btn 5¼l) to Miss Yechance (8-8) **BLACK STAR BOY** (8-13) 12-1 towards rear, headway 2f out, never competitive, 12th (btn 7l) (York 5f hcap hdle (2) £51,540 good).

TOYOTOMI (9-7) 9-1 held up, ridden 1f out, stayed on without threatening, 6th of 10 (btn 2¼l) to Flash Harry (9-7) (Goodwood 6f hcap (2) £23,193 soft).

ARKLOW LAD (9-4) 4-1 mid-division, pushed along 2f out, weakened, last of 11 (btn 8¾l) to Corolla Point (10-0) (Hamilton 5f hcap (2) £15,462 good).

ADVERTISED (9-13) 8-1 tracked leaders, pushed along 2f out, ridden and went 2nd over 1f out, stayed on, btn 1¼l by Eternal Sunshine (9-3) **STURLASSON** (9-11) 17-2 mid-division, pushed along halfway, weakened, 10th (10l) (11 ran) (Hamilton 5f hcap (3) £10,308 good to soft).

TRILBY (9-4) 3-1 jt fav raced in last, shaken up 2f out, led clearly inside final furlong, ran on well, bt Francisco's Piece (9-2) ¾l (9 ran) (Beverley 5f hcap (3) £10,468 soft).

MARCHING MAC (9-11) 17-2 led but pestered, two lengths clear 2f out, reduced advantage entering final furlong, headed final 110yds, dropped to 4th towards finish, 4th of 8 (btn 3l) to Rosario (9-12) (Sandown 5f hcap (4) £6,281 good to soft).

ELARA MAY (9-0) 7-1 raced in last, waiting for room 2f out, kept on final furlong, held finish, btn 1¼l by Kinswoman (9-8) (4 ran) (Yarmouth 5f hcap (3) £9,483 good to soft).

JER BATT (10-0) 4-1 handy, pressed leader 2f out, led 1f out, one pace, 4th of 6 (3¾l) to Tiva (9-11) (Musselburgh 5f hcap (4) £7,851 good to firm).

4.50 HKJC WORLD POOL HANDICAP (3) value to the winner £15,702; 7f (12 runners)

1 7-0872 **BRIAN 86**
(2) J Moore 4-10-0 ..... **David Egan** ●99
Runs: 19 Wins: 2 (S,GS) Places: 5 £117,364
Back to form with a strong second latest, soft suits and big run expected

2 308-00 **STAR ANTHEM 28**
(1) C Cox 4-9-13 ..... **Hector Crouch** 84
Runs: 12 Wins: 1 (GS) Places: 3 £26,016
Below best on both runs this year, soft fine but needs a major revival

3 080648 **KORKER 34 (C)**
(6) K R Burke 7-9-11 ..... **Clifford Lee** 91
Runs: 54 Wins: 6 (2F,2S,GS,G) Places: 16 £230,298
Struggled latest, but slipping mark helps, needs to rediscover his spark

4 55-148 **ATA RANGI 42 (CD)**
(11) E Walker 5-9-11 ..... **Tom Marquand** 98
Runs: 16 Wins: 4 (S,A,2G) Places: 2 £44,587
Defending champ, won here earlier in the season, strongly fancied

5 52-104 **CAPE ASHIZURI 28**
(3) J & S Quinn 3-9-10 ..... **Marco Ghiani** 96
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (GS,G) Places: 1 £23,540
Shaped better latest in stronger company, softer suits, still has potential

6 -46828 **SERGEANT WILKO 70**
(5) K Ryan 5-9-10 ..... **P J McDonald** 95
Runs: 25 Wins: 5 (S,A,3GS) Places: 3 £122,805
Strong second on soft before lesser AW run, conditions bring him alive

7 600066 **DARKNESS 7 (V;D)**
(4) D O'Meara 8-9-9 ..... **Mark Winn** 85
Runs: 58 Wins: 8 (S,4F,G) Places: 9 £237,185
Some encouragement lately and well treated on old form, best watched

8 260603 **BRIGHTON BOY 14 (BF,D)**
(10) T Easterby 4-9-7 ..... **Jake Dickson (5)** 98
Runs: 22 Wins: 4 (S,2GS,G) Places: 4 £99,940
Back to form when third latest, testing ground suits and mark has eased

9 050082 **RHOSCOLYN 5 (BF,CD)**
(12) D O'Meara 8-9-6 ..... **Daniel Tudhope** 97
Runs: 77 Wins: 10 (F,6S,3GS) Places: 9 £392,313
Much better second latest and well treated on old form, loves the mud

10 044851 **MONTEZIN 29 (CD)**
(9) A Brittain 4-9-2 ..... **Harry Russell** 98
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 3 £15,709
Won readily here latest and stays well, but conditions may anchor him

11 389637 **WRECK IT RYLEY 15 (B;D)**
(8) A Brown 6-9-0 ..... **Ray Dawson** 92
Runs: 52 Wins: 6 (F,A,GS,3G) Places: 14 £63,377
Below best latest, soft ground suits and current mark gives a chance

12 4601-6 **KING OF THUNDER 121 (CD)**
(7) H Palmer 3-8-12 ..... **Joe Leavy** 91
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (GS) £8,298
Improved in stronger company on return, likes it here, check betting

BETTING: 9-2 Rhoscolyn, 5 Brian, 11-2 Brighton Boy, 6 Ata Rangi, Montezin, 8 Cape Ashizuri, Korker, 10 Sergeant Wilko, 12 Darkness

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 4 4

2025: Ata Rangi 4-9-9, K Shoemark 4-1 (E Walker), drw 1, 11 ran.

Sunracing FORM

BRIAN (9-9) 10-1 midfield, headway final 110yds, no match for winner, btn 3l by Forty Years On (9-7) **ATA RANGI** (9-8) 5-1 in touch, no extra 1f out, 4th (btn 4¾l) (15 ran) (Newbury 7f hcap (3) £14,174 good to soft).

STAR ANTHEM (9-13) 40-1 in touch, not clear run 2f out, no extra, 11th of 13 (btn 14l) to Arctic Thunder (9-9) (Haydock 1m hcap (3) £16,200 good).

KORKER (9-2) 20-1 raced keenly in rear, weakened 1f out, 8th of 10 (btn 7¼l) to Dance In The Storm (9-11) (Chester 7f hcap (2) £12,885 good).

ATA RANGI (8-7) 33-1 mid-division, ridden 2f out, no progress, 8th of 16 (btn 3¼l) to Amazing Journey (8-10) (Ascot 7f hcap (2) £77,310 good).

CAPE ASHIZURI (9-10) 20-1 tracking leaders, faded 1f out, 4th of 9 (5¼l) to Red Spells Danger (9-11) (Ascot 6f hcap (2) £41,803 good to firm).

KORKER (8-10) 25-1 tracked leaders, progress 1f out, one pace, 4th of 14 (btn 2¾l) to Room Service (10-2) **SERGEANT WILKO** (8-12) 12-1 weakened 1f out, 8th (btn 5l) **BRIGHTON BOY** (8-11) 25-1 tracked leaders, pushed along 2f out, soon weakened, 12th (btn 6¼l) (14 ran) (Newcastle 7f hcap (2) £25,770 AW).

DARKNESS (8-9) 22-1 held up, never dangerous, 6th of 11 (btn 5¼l) to Forty Years On (9-4) **RHOSCOLYN** (8-1) 15-2 held up, pushed along 3f out, weakened, 8th (6¼l) (Goodwood 7f hcap (2) £51,540 good to soft).

BRIGHTON BOY (9-2) 4-1 co fav close up, shaken up over 1f out, kept on inside final furlong, 3rd of 11 (btn 2¾l) to Station X (9-5) (Chester 6f hcap (3) £10,308 good to soft).

RHOSCOLYN (9-8) 3-1 fav midfield, headway 2f out, stayed on inside final furlong, btn 1¾l by Aurora Majesty (9-12) (8 ran) (Epsom 7f hcap (3) £10,308 good to soft).

MONTEZIN (9-8) 9-2 mid-division, ran on strongly final furlong, led finish, bt Distinct Spirit (10-0) 1¼l (11 ran) (Haydock 7f hcap (5) £4,449 good).

WRECK IT RYLEY (9-11) 4-1 rear of mid-division, pushed along before halfway, never going pace, 7th of 11 (btn 6l) to Hunky Dory (9-9) (Hamilton 6f hcap (4) £5,268 good to soft).

KING OF THUNDER (8-5) 10-1 with leaders, ridden 2f out, weakened, 6th of 12 (btn 2¼l) to Mcmurray (9-1) (Chester 1m hcap (2) £23,193 good).

5.25 BETFAIR.BETFAIR HANDICAP (4) value to the winner £10,468; 1m (12 runners)

1 9-0040 **YANIFER 14 (T★;D)**
(4) H Bethell 8-10-0 ..... **Oisin McSweeney** 92
Runs: 43 Wins: 9 (S,2F,4GS,2G) Places: 10 £138,990
Recent efforts have been tame, soft ground no concern, live outsider

2 -00049 **METAL MERCHANT 24 (D)**
(12) J Butler 6-9-11 ..... **Sean Levey** 90
Runs: 28 Wins: 4 (A,GS,2G) Places: 5 £112,795
Below form this term, soft ground suits and tumbled down the weights

3 236022 **FINAL NIGHT 24 (T★;BF,D)**
(7) J Butler 4-9-11 ..... **David Egan** 94
Runs: 24 Wins: 4 (4A) Places: 7 £50,306
Career best latest after a close turf second, soft ground is a big concern

4 132221 **MILITARY LEADER 22 (B;D)**
(8) P Makin 5-9-11 ..... **Paul Mulrennan** 97
Runs: 17 Wins: 3 (A,2G) Places: 8 £27,853
Thriving and impressive win at Thirsk latest, 9lb rise might anchor him

5 12-49 **CAIM 16**
(6) E Bethell 3-9-11 ..... **Daniel Tudhope** 96
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (S) Places: 1 £12,266
Below expectations at York latest, earlier form on soft is strong, go well

6 263155 **MILETUS 36 (B★;D)**
(10) J Keane 5-9-10 ..... **Ray Dawson** 91
Runs: 18 Wins: 2 (S,G) Places: 4 £24,193
Dull the last twice after a win, handles heavy and blinkers might help

7 445432 **JUNGLE RULER 38 (BF)**
(11) M Appleby 3-9-9 ..... **Clifford Lee** 98
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 1 £39,384
Consistent form lately, no ground concerns but needs a bit more today

8 1-0462 **CROWN OFFICE 37**
(1) W Haggas 3-9-6 ..... **Tom Marquand** 97
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (S) Places: 2 £11,640
Never stopped trying latest, drop in trip is no concern on soft ground

9 P-3595 **MONOCEROS 38**
(3) I Jardine 3-9-5 ..... **Andrew Mullen** 95
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £12,107
Back on track in the mud at Galway latest, could build on that positive run

10 461121 **THE SWEET ESCAPE 22 (D)**
(5) D Loughnane 4-9-5 ..... **Laura Pearson** ●99
Runs: 22 Wins: 4 (3F,G) Places: 4 £26,806
Thriving with three wins from four, softer ground is less proven today

11 151250 **BEARIN UP 15 (D)**
(2) T Easterby 3-9-1 ..... **Duran Fentiman** 87
Runs: 15 Wins: 3 (3G) Places: 4 £29,337
Well held in stronger grade latest, shorter trip helps but needs more

12 496-03 **KINDEST NATION 24 (V;C)**
(9) H Palmer 5-9-1 ..... **Joe Leavy** 90
Runs: 28 Wins: 4 (S,2A,GS) Places: 6 £37,260
Returned to form latest, soft ground suits and mark has eased, risky bet

BETTING: 7-2 The Sweet Escape, 4 Military Leader, 5 Final Night, 11-2 Crown Office, 13-2 Jungle Ruler, 10 Metal Merchant, Caim

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 1 1 6 2

2025: Special Ghaiyyath 3-9-0, C Lee 10-1 (J Tate), drawn 9, 8 ran.

Sunracing FORM

YANIFER (8-13) 17-2 weakening when short of room 1f out, 10th of 13 (btn 6l) to Whip Cracker (9-6) (Chester 1m hcap (2) £30,924 good to soft).

METAL MERCHANT (9-7) 5-1 well beaten final furlong, 9th of 11 (btn 5¾l) to Racingbreaks Ryder (9-6) (Kempton 7f hcap (4) £6,281 AW).

FINAL NIGHT (10-2) 2-1 fav led inside final furlong, headed finish, btn nk by Rogue Allegiance (9-13) (9 ran) (Kempton 1m hcap (4) £6,281 AW).

MILITARY LEADER (9-7) 15-8 fav led 1f out, bt Green Pursuit (9-5) 4l (15 ran) (Thirsk 1m hcap (5) £3,926 good).

CAIM (8-10) 4-1 outpaced 1f out, 9th of 19 (8¾l) to Machadadorp (8-9) (York 7f hcap (2) £51,540 good to soft).

MILETUS (9-6) 12-1 weakened 1f out, 5th of 9 (10l) to Nikovo (9-9) (Newmarket 7f hcap (4) £6,442 good).

JUNGLE RULER (9-0) 15-8 fav pressed winner, one pace 1f out, btn 1¼l by Brocklesby Bill (9-4) (5 ran) (Sandown 1m app hcap (4) £6,019 good).

CROWN OFFICE (9-7) 2-1 chased winner, kept on 1f out, btn ¾l by Supplicate (9-4) (5 ran) (Nottingham 1¼-m hcap (4) £5,757 good to firm).

MONOCEROS (9-5) 20-1 kept on one pace inside final furlong, 5th of 11 (btn 1¼l) to Mineola Rocket (9-4) (Galway 1m 1f hcap €15,601 yielding).

THE SWEET ESCAPE (9-5) 11-4 led 2f out, ran on strongly final furlong, bt Currumbin (8-11) 3l (8 ran) (Newmarket 1m hcap (5) £5,154 good to firm).

BEARIN UP (8-2) 50-1 faded 1f out, 10th of 14 (8l) to Silver Lake (9-10) (York 1¼-m hcap (2) £51,540 good to soft).

KINDEST NATION (9-9) 22-1 kept on final furlong, went 3rd close home, 3rd of 10 (3¾l) to Warrior Mode (10-3) (Kempton 1m hcap (4) £6,281 AW).

Favourite YET MORE COLOURS, TIPS AND SUPER

ASCOT ON ITV: 1.40 & 2.10

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM)

TEMPLEGATE

1.40.......The Fingal Raven
2.10...................... Heyzoom
2.45...................Dannahue
3.25............................Kahin
4.00.................. Seren Star
4.35........ Saint Lawrence
5.10..... Rhythm N Hooves

TOM PEPPER

1.40............... Thunder Call
2.10......... Decade Of Time
2.45.......... Pensando A Te
3.25.....................Law Court
4.00..............Luna Celeste
4.35.....................Diligently
5.10.....Manatee Mehmas

TIC-TAC: Right-handed galloping track of 1m 6f, straight mile, stiff uphill finish. **DRAW:** No significant advantage.
FAVOURITES: (2021-2026): 293 have won out of 904 races (32%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 23 have won out of 83 races (28%).
LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

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TRAINERS with best record in last 14 days: C Appleby 4 wins from 11 runners; J & T Gosden 6 from 20; R Varian 4 from 15; A Balding 12 from 56; W Haggas 9 from 49; E Walker 7 from 44.
JOCKEYS with best record in last 14 days: D Probert 10 wins from 42 rides; S Osborne 7 from 36; G Mangan 3 from 23; Jason Watson 4 from 31.
TRAINERS who have had the most runners since last win: Michael Keady 56; H Main 55; D Menuisier 51; R Hannon 46.
JOCKEYS who have had the most rides since last win: W Carver 37; R Havlin 19; N Currie 16; G Downing 15; D Probert 12.

TOP TRAINERS

2021-2026 W Haggas 39-253, A Balding 35-333, J & T Gosden 31-266, C Appleby 24-143, E Walker 21-151, R Varian 17-174, R Hannon 17-250, Owen Burrows 10-62, C Cox 10-135. **THIS SEASON:** A Balding 7, W Haggas 5, J & T Gosden 4, E Walker 4.

TOP JOCKEYS

2021-2026 S Osborne 21-138, D Probert 17-157, N Callan 10-72, C Fallon 9-91, Jason Watson 7-64, C Shepherd 7-75, P Dobbs 6-78, C Bishop 6-82, S De Sousa 6-118. **THIS SEASON:** S Osborne 5, D Probert 2, E Greatrex 1, C Bishop 1.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: 3.25 Now Maybe J Harrington (Ire) to G Baker.
RACEFAX: W Haggas won the 2.10 in 2021, 2022, 2024 & 2025.
LONGEST TRAVELLERS: Northern Express (1.40) & **Glenfinnan** (1.40) trained by M Dods, Darlington, round trip of 518 miles.

IN THE MONEY

MONEY TALKS: Havana Blue (4.35) opened 9-4 won at 6-4f; **Ghost Mode** (1.40) opened 4-1 unplaced at 5-2; **Ancestor** (2.10) opened 8-11 won at 8-15f; **Now Maybe** (3.25) opened 11-10 second at 10-11f; **Rhythm N Hooves** (5.10) opened 9-2 won at 7-2f.

TOP EARNERS

1.40 **Two Tribes**............. £399,289
4.35 **Diligently**................. £362,716
1.40 **Northern Express**..£319,363
5.10 **West Acre**................ £317,403
4.35 **Ferrous**.................... £213,857

UNDER ORDERS

SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: None. **BLINKERED FIRST TIME:** 4.35 Havana Hurricane. **VISORED FIRST TIME:** None. **FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP:** None today.
WEIGHTWATCHER: 5.10 **Rhythm N Hooves** (won off 87 down 5lb to 82).
JOB JOCKEY: Toby Moore rides **Into The Light** (2.10) for C Appleby, 6 from 17, 35%. E Greatrex rides **Al Najashi** (4.35) for Ollie Sangster, 3 from 9, 33%. C Planas rides **Dannahue** (2.45) for C Appleby, 10 from 37, 27%. C Fallon rides **Asheyra** (2.45) for R Varian, 3 from 11, 27%. S De Sousa rides **Pensando A Te** (2.45) for M Botti, 16 from 69, 23%. C Fallon rides **Thunder Call** (1.40), **Ancestor** (2.10), **Kahin** (3.25), **Seren Star** (4.00) for W Haggas, 211 from 929, 23%. S Osborne rides **Two Tribes** (1.40) for R Spencer, 20 from 99, 20%.

1.40 SCHWEPPES HANDICAP (Class 2) value to the winner £41,232; 7f (10 runners)

1 007205 **TWO TRIBES 28 (B;CD)**
(7) R Spencer 5-9-12.......**Saffie Osborne** 95
Runs: 32 Wins: 4 (GS,3G) Places: 12 £399,289
Strong course form on CV, ideal ground and fair mark, major player

2 635513 **NORTHERN EXPRESS 35 (CD)**
(8) M Dods 8-9-6 .... **non-runner** 94
Runs: 52 Wins: 8 (2S,4F,2G) Places: 15 £319,363
Won strongly before another fine run, trip ideal, but ruled out yesterday

3 225391 **ADDISON GREY 21 (D)**
(5) C Cox 4-9-6......... **Callum Shepherd** 97
Runs: 12 Wins: 4 (3F,A) Places: 3 £89,813
Career best when winning over 7f latest, progressive and a key player

4 -40158 **LORD BRITAIN 39 (D)**
(3) I Mohammed & J Santos 3-9-3 . . **non-runner** 89
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 1 £34,258
Outclassed in Group races lately, conditions suit, ruled out yesterday

5 790615 **GHOST MODE 7 (D)**
(4) A Balding 3-9-2 ....**David Probert** 96
Runs: 12 Wins: 3 (F,A,GS) Places: 3 £113,780
Soft ground didn't suit latest, previous 7f win strong, ideal conditions today

6 -60507 **MUBASIMAH 16 (D)**
(1) A Balding 3-9-1......... **Jason Watson** 86
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £30,038
Better effort on soft latest, fast ground is fine, mark still looks demanding

7 550939 **THE FINGAL RAVEN 7 (D)**
(6) J Osborne 4-9-1 .... **William Carver** 90
Runs: 19 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 7 £102,363
Excuses latest, excellent third previously, ideal ground so claims here

8 6-3200 **SILVER GHOST 38 (D)**
(9) E Lavelle 4-9-0 .... **Charles Bishop** 91
Runs: 16 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 4 £95,700
Two poor efforts since close second, conditions suit, needs bounce back

9 2-1132 **THUNDER CALL 28 (BF)**
(10) W Haggas 3-8-12 .... **Cieren Fallon** ●99
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 3 £102,245
Progressive, given awful ride when second here latest, the one to beat

10 194201 **GLENFINNAN 24 (H;CD)**
(2) M Dods 6-8-5 ....**Edward Greatrex** 88
Runs: 37 Wins: 6 (2F,4G) Places: 4 £118,675
Back on track latest, likes it here, conditions suit, stronger grade asks more

BETTING: 13-8 Thunder Call, 10-3 Addison Grey, 11-2 Ghost Mode, 13-2 Two Tribes, 10 Glenfinnan, 12 Mubasimah, 14 Silver Ghost, 20 The Fingal Raven
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 9 0 0 0 1
2025: Native Warrior 4-9-7, J Spencer 10-3 Fav (K R Burke), drw 4, 20 ran.

Sunracing FORM

TWO TRIBES (9-13) 11-2 rear mid-division, pushed along and some headway over 2f out, ridden and no impression over 1f out, 5th of 10 (btn 5l) to Crown Board (9-12) (Ascot 1m hcap (2) £49,180 good to firm).
NORTHERN EXPRESS (9-11) 9-2 chased leaders, pushed along well over 2f out, ridden well over 1f out, stayed on final furlong and went third near finish, 3rd of 11 (btn 3/4l) to Witch Hunter (9-2) (Thirsk 1m hcap (2) £26,170 good).
ADDISON GREY (9-8) 9-2 midfield, shaken up and progress between horses over 1f out, drifted left 1f out, led final 110yds, ran on, bt Havana Pusey (9-9) 1½l (8 ran) (Newbury 7f hcap (2) £30,924 good to firm).
LORD BRITAIN (8-13) 50-1 chased leaders, pushed along over 2f out, soon dropped away, last of 8 (btn 10l) to Lake Forest (9-6) (Goodwood 7f Grp 2 (1) £113,420 good).
GHOST MODE (9-0) 5-2 soon led, ridden and headed 2f out, weakened inside final furlong, 5th of 11 (btn 5¼l) to Forty Years On (9-4) **THE FINGAL RAVEN** (9-1) 33-1 always towards rear, 9th (btn 9¾l) (Goodwood 7f hcap (2) £51,540 good to soft).
MUBASIMAH (9-5) 40-1 in touch with leaders, soon edged left towards far side, pushed along over 1f out, weakened quickly inside final furlong, 7th of 19 (btn 6½l) to Machadadorp (8-9) (York 7f hcap (2) £51,540 good to soft).
THE FINGAL RAVEN (9-8) 16-1 midfield, not clear run 2f out, ridden and headway final furlong, went third towards finish, never nearer, 3rd of 20 (btn 1½l) to Crimson Spirit (9-6) **SILVER GHOST** (9-8) 16-1 went right start, midfield, ridden and no impression over 1f out, 15th (btn 8¼l) (20 ran) (Goodwood 7f hcap (3) £25,770 good to firm).
THUNDER CALL (9-10) 2-1 jt fav mid-division, headway over 2f out, pushed along 1f out and ran on, took second towards finish, no chance with winner, btn 1½l by Red Spells Danger (9-11) (9 ran) (Ascot 6f hcap (2) £41,803 good to firm).
GLENFINNAN (10-0) 11-2 took keen hold, midfield, chased leaders after 1f, ridden to lead entering final furlong, kept on and always doing enough towards finish, bt Alpha Capture (9-13) ¾l (10 ran) (Beverley 7f hcap (4) £6,185 good to firm).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT 1.40

THE FINGAL RAVEN looks a ridiculous price for a horse who ran a cracker at Glorious Goodwood two runs ago. He may well have won that race but for trouble in running. He didn't take to soft ground when held last time and he's had a little nudge down the weights. He relishes 7f and it wouldn't be a shock to see him make the places at massive odds. **Thunder Call** looks the most progressive runner in the field after a good second here last time. He shapes as though moving up a furlong will suit and he has Group 1 entries for William Haggas later this season. **Two Tribes** has run well in big races here this term and will enjoy dropping in distance after a solid effort in the Shergar Cup Mile last time out. He's just 1lb above his last winning mark and should be dangerous. **Ghost Mode** didn't enjoy soft ground last time and will be much happier in these conditions. He's crept up the weights but has place claims along with last-time winner **Addison Grey** who relishes this trip.

2.10 TOTE.CO.UK MONEY BACK 2ND HANDICAP (2) 3-Y-O; winner £51,540; 1m 4f (9 run)

1 -13941 **ARCHERS BAY 28 (CD)**
(8) M Botti 9-9 ....**Pat Dobbs** ●99
Runs: 9 Wins: 3 (F,A,G) Places: 1 £72,979
Impressive win here latest, fast ground ideal, commands respect again

2 1-378 **GUILDMASTER 79 (B,T★)**
(5) J & T Gosden 9-9 ....**Robert Havlin** 89
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (A) £5,880
Fair effort latest, down weights, stamina and soft ground both unproven

3 122010 **INTO THE LIGHT 14**
(9) C Appleby 9-6 .... **Toby Moore (7)** 91
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 2 £38,823
G'wood winner before poor York run, fast ground suits, needs bounce back

4 31124 **DECADE OF TIME 37**
(1) J Channon 9-5 ....**George Bass** 97
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (S,F) Places: 2 £46,045
Strong hcap form, fast ground ideal, longer trip is the major question

5 411 **ANCESTOR 29**
(7) W Haggas 9-2 .... **Cieren Fallon** 95
Runs: 3 Wins: 2 (F,G) £14,536
On hat-trick, steps into hcap company on fair mark, stamina unproven

6 3-214 **HEYZOOM 79**
(6) O Burrows 9-0 ....**Saffie Osborne** 98
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 3 £19,094
Excellent fourth here hcap debut, fast ground suits, remains well treated

7 334126 **TURTY TREE 22**
(4) A Balding 9-0...........**David Probert** 92
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 4 £39,492
Lstd run was messy latest, previous form solid, fast ground/stamina fine

8 321321 **CAPE FEAR 12 (D)**
(3) A Balding 8-9 .... **Jason Watson** 94
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 5 £26,002
Improving in hcaps and bolted up latest, stronger company will test him

9 6-2222 **LORD D'OR 15 (P★;BF)**
(2) A Balding 8-5 .... **Nicola Currie** 90
Runs: 5 Places: 3 £26,322
Runner-up all starts this term, fast ground suits, hcap bow, e-w claims

BETTING: 5-4 Heyzoom, 11-2 Archers Bay, 15-2 Decade Of Time, Ancestor, 10 Cape Fear, Into The Light, 12 Turty Tree, 16 Guildmaster
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 7 1 6 5 2
2025: Tenability 8-12, C Fallon 85-40 (W Haggas), drw 7, 7 ran.

Sunracing FORM

ARCHERS BAY (10-2) 5-2 chased leaders, pushed along and led over 1f out, soon ridden and stayed on strongly to forge away, bt King Of Berkshire (9-3) 3¼l (10 ran) (Ascot 1½m hcap (3) £41,803 good to firm).
HEYZOOM (8-8) 6-1 midfield, ridden and edged left when bumped 2f out, kept on final furlong, 4th of 19 (btn 3l) to Enceladus (8-12) **GUILDMASTER** (9-9) 33-1 raced wide early, close up, led 3f out, ridden and headed 2f out, no extra final furlong, 8th (btn 6¼l) **INTO THE LIGHT** (8-11) 4-1 in touch with leaders, dropped to midfield after 3f, ridden over 2f out, fading when carried right over 1f out, 11th (btn 8¼l) (19 ran) (Ascot 1½m hcap hdle (2) £61,848 good to firm).
INTO THE LIGHT (9-0) 10-1 rear mid-division, pushed along 3f out, weakened over 1f out, 15th of 17 (btn 18l) to Infraad (9-1) (York 1¾m hcap (2) £92,772 good to soft).
DECADE OF TIME (9-3) 7-1 in rear early, headway to track leaders after 2f, pushed along over 2f out, every chance when ridden over 1f out, kept on same pace inside final furlong, 4th of 14 (btn 1¼l) to Ciarrai Abu (8-9) (Goodwood 1¼m hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).
ANCESTOR (9-11) 8-15 fav led, headed and ridden over 1f out, rallied inside final furlong, asserted final 110yds, held second close home, bt Tropical Sands (8-13) nk (3 ran) (Haydock 1¼m nov mdn (3) £7,020 good).
TURTY TREE (8-13) 13-2 led, raced in second after 3f, led again halfway, headed 2f out and soon lost position, no extra, 6th of 9 (btn 7¼l) to Mirik (8-13) (Clairefontaine 1½m Listed (1) £20,785 good to soft).
CAPE FEAR (9-0) 2-1 fav midfield, headway 3f out, pushed along 2f out, ridden and led when hung right over 1f out, readily drew clear final furlong, bt Morcar (9-9) 5½l (7 ran) (Windsor 1m 3f hcap (4) £5,653 good to firm).
LORD D'OR (9-4) 4-9 fav tracked leader, led over 2f out, ridden over 1f out, headed narrowly over 110yds out, no extra, btn nk by Nakassama (9-12) (3 ran) (Hamilton 1m 3f nov mdn (2) £20,616 good to soft).

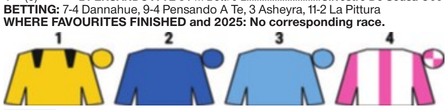
TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT 2.10

HEYZOOM can live up to his name. Owen Burrows' three-year-old caught the eye in a hot Royal Ascot handicap over this trip. He finished fourth of 19 that day, beaten less than three lengths, despite being keen early doors and being hampered two furlongs out. That was just his first handicap start so there should be more to come. He has been gelded since and remains open to improvement from a mark of 90. **Archers Bay** should go well. He powered clear over C&D last month and could have more to offer over this trip. **Decade Of Time** is progressing nicely after solid efforts at Newmarket and Goodwood but this is his first attempt beyond 1m2f. **Ancestor** is another with untapped potential after winning his last two, while **Cape Fear** arrives on the back of a five-and-a-half-length Windsor romp. **Guildmaster** finished behind Heyzoom here in June but is better off at the weights this time so the gap could be closer.

2.45 TOTE 75K PLACEPOT TODAY EBF MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (2); 2-y-o; winner £15,462; 6f. (4 runners)

1	(1)	3 **ASHEYRA 35 (H★)** R Varian 9-2	**Cieren Fallon 95**
2	(2)	2 **DANNAHUE 79 (BF)** C Appleby 9-2	**Connor Planas 97**
3	(4)	**LA PITTURA** A Balding 9-2	**David Probert —**
4	(3)	2 **PENSANDO A TE 31** M Botti 9-2	**Silvestre De Sousa ●99**

BETTING: 7-4 Dannahue, 9-4 Pensando A Te, 3 Asheyra, 11-2 La Pittura
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.



3.25 SILENT POOL GIN 'CONFINED' HANDICAP (3); 3-y-o; value to the winner £16,200; 1m 2f. (7 runners)

1	(2)	41-2 **GAVRIEL 31 (BF)** J & T Gosden 9-9	**Robert Havlin ●99**
2	(1)	3-13300 **BALZAC 77** J Chapple-Hyam 9-9	**Sorin Moldoveanu (7) 87**
3	(5)	51-7477 **LION OF ALBA 37** H Palmer 9-4	**David Probert 94**
4	(7)	-221292 **LAW COURT 23** R Hannon 9-1	**Faleh Bughanaim 95**
5	(4)	2310 **DARK WHISPER 37** D Menuisier 8-13	**Saffie Osborne 93**
6	(3)	82-362 **NOW MAYBE 85 (BF)** G Baker 8-11	**Jack Callan 91**
7	(6)	74212 **KAHIN 57 (P★)** W Haggas 8-10	**Cieren Fallon 96**

BETTING: 11-10 Gavriel, 7-2 Kahin, 5 Law Court, 8 Lion Of Alba, 12 Dark Whisper, 16 Now Maybe, 25 Balzac
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 1 1
2025: Crown Of Oaks 9-3 Cieren Fallon 8-11 Fav (W Haggas) drawn 3, 6 ran.

Sunracing FORM

GAVRIEL (9-11) 5-2 fav held up behind leaders, quickened to lead 1f out, headed inside final furlong, kept on, btn ½l by Najidi Storm (9-4) (13 ran) (Kempton 1m nov (4) £5,400 AW).
BALZAC (9-3) 33-1 pushed along 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 14th of 16 (btn 13l) to Lost Boys (9-2) (Ascot 1¼m hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).
LION OF ALBA (9-0) 18-1 prominent, ridden 2f out, weakened 1f out, 7th of 14 (btn 3¾l) to Ciarrai Abu (8-9) **DARK WHISPER** (8-10) 25-1 held up in touch, ridden and weakened over 2f out, 12th (btn 14l) (Goodwood 1¼m hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).
LAW COURT (9-0) 5-1 held up towards rear, ran on well and took 2nd final 110yds, not pace of winner, btn 2l by City Of Poets (9-13) (8 ran) (Windsor 1¼m hcap (3) £9,631 good to firm).
NOW MAYBE (9-6) 10-11 fav led, headed 2f out, no impression on winner 1f out, btn 10l by Dreamkeeper (9-1) (17 ran) (Fairyhouse 1½m mdn auc €12,000 good to firm).
KAHIN (9-3) 5-2 led 2f out, headed 1f out, no chance with winner, btn 3¾l by Dark Moon Rising (9-12) (9 ran) (York 1¼m hcap (4) £12,885 good).

4.00 TOTE EBF PREMIER FILLIES' HANDICAP (STR) (2) winner £21,600; 1m (10 run)

1 8-4142 **NANINO NIYATI 39**
(3) O Burrows 4-9-11 ....**David Probert** ●99
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 2 £48,238
Narrow loss latest, strong form here, fast ground fine, remains competitive

2 10-337 **SEREN STAR 27 (BF,D)**
(2) W Haggas 4-9-10 .... **Cieren Fallon** 96
Runs: 10 Wins: 3 (F,GS,G) Places: 2 £43,366
Below form Lstd company latest, third here reads well, fast ground suits

3 629-00 **ORION'S BELT 21**
(6) R Hannon 3-9-9 .... **Pat Dobbs** 85
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 2 £28,832
Well held in Group races this term, mile and fast ground pose questions

4 276110 **TRYST 16**
(4) G Boughey 3-9-7 .... **Jack Callan** 94
Runs: 10 Wins: 3 (2F,A) Places: 2 £23,686
Two wins before soft-ground defeat latest, mile suits, faster surface helps too

5 -31319 **ROSA INGLESA 28 (BF,CD)**
(10) C Fellowes 3-9-4 ......**Lewis Edmunds** 97
Runs: 8 Wins: 3 (F,A,GS) Places: 3 £46,395
Below form Lstd grade latest, likes it here, mile and fast ground suit well

6 420637 **TRUE TEST 28**
(8) W Knight 3-9-3.............**Neil Callan** 93
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 3 £64,151
Lstd run below best latest, strong effort here before, mile/fast ground suit

7 -21211 **LUNA CELESTE 20 (D)**
(5) T Clover 3-9-2..........**Saffie Osborne** 98
Runs: 6 Wins: 3 (3F) Places: 3 £30,487
Improving rapidly after two hcap wins, mile suits as does fast ground

8 2-7636 **ELECTRIFARHH 15 (D)**
(1) E Walker 4-9-2 ....**George Downing** 95
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £23,047
Fair run over further latest, close third over mile before that, fast going suits

9 21-2 **DATE LINE 22**
(9) C Johnston 3-8-13 . . . **Callum Shepherd** 96
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £9,947
Excellent return from long layoff, trip/ground fine, remains open to progress

10 1-8366 **APPLESANDPEARS 50 (P★)**
(7) E Bethell 3-8-11.....**Silvestre De Sousa** 89
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 2 £16,559
Below form latest and previous mile run was poor, ground fine, needs revival

BETTING: 7-2 Rosa Inglesa, 9-2 Nanino Niyati, Luna Celeste, 13-2 Seren Star, Date Line, 10 Electrifarhh, Tryst, 14 True Test
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 9 1 5 1 1
2025: Abloom 3-8-8, M Ghiani 2-1 Fav (W Haggas), drw 5, 8 ran.

Sunracing FORM

NANINO NIYATI (9-8) 4-1 chased leaders, pushed along 2f out, finished strongly final furlong, just denied, btn ns by Rumba Numba (9-7) **ELECTRIFARHH** (9-1) 18-1 mid-division, pushed along 1f out, stayed on well 1f out, went third towards line, 3rd (btn ¾l) (14 ran) (Goodwood 1m hcap (3) £25,770 good).
SEREN STAR (9-2) 6-4 fav slowly into stride, in rear, ridden 2f out, weakened final 110 yds, 7th of 11 (btn 15l) to Full Of Hope (9-2) (Hoppegarten 1m 1f Listed £17,355 good).
ORION'S BELT (8-12) 25-1 prominent, led after 2f, headed 2f out, soon weakened, 10th of 12 (btn 8¾l) to Hassaleh (8-12) (Deauville 1m Grp 3 (1) £30,248 good to soft).
TRYST (9-0) 11-1 midfield, short of room 2f out, ridden over 1f out, weakened before final 110yds, 11th of 19 (btn 10l) to Machadadorp (8-9) (York 7f hcap (2) £51,540 good to soft).
TRUE TEST (8-9) 9-2 towards near side, led group, in touch with leaders when groups merged 2f out, weakened 1f out, 7th of 10 (btn 5l) to Canneza (9-2) **ROSA INGLESA** (8-9) 2-1 fav towards near side, in touch, weakened when groups merged 2f out, 9th (btn 8½l) (10 ran) (Deauville 7f Listed (1) £19,669 good to soft).
LUNA CELESTE (9-5) 15-8 fav soon raced in second, chased leader 2f out, led 1f out, soon asserted, ran on well, won going away, bt Darzah (9-5) 2¾l (5 ran) (Pontefract 1m hcap (3) £12,562 good to firm).
ELECTRIFARHH (9-1) 14-1 midfield, switched left and headway over 2f out, switched right 1f out, kept on same pace inside final furlong, 6th of 14 (btn 5¼l) to Silver Lake (8-10) (York 1¼m hcap (2) £51,540 good to soft).
DATE LINE (9-9) 4-1 led, ridden and headed 1f out, kept on final furlong, held by winner, btn 1¼l by Gilding The Lily (9-2) (3 ran) (Newmarket 1m nov (4) £5,757 good to firm).
APPLESANDPEARS (9-8) 7-2 held up in touch, pushed along over 2f out, passed beaten rivals final furlong, never in contention, 6th of 9 (btn 6½l) to Hungarian (9-4) (W'hampton 7f hcap (4) £5,234 AW).

4.35 CLUB26 HANDICAP (2); value to the winner £18,039; 6f. (15 runners)

1	(11)	4265620 **FERROUS 35 (D)** J Channon 6-10-0	**Saffie Osborne 91**
2	(1)	7248000 **GOLDEN MIND 14 (D)** R & P Fahey 5-9-13	**Oisin Orr 85**
3	(4)	3321/20 **GARFIELD SHADOW 35 (D)** H Al Jehani 5-9-12	**Faleh Bughanaim 88**
4	(3)	50-0120 **MIRABEAU 84 (D)** D F Davis 4-9-10	**Lewis Edmunds 90**
5	(8)	1770020 **FAST TRACK HARRY 21 (D)** C Cox 4-9-9	**Callum Shepherd 92**
6	(2)	6-30398 **HAVANA HURRICANE 28 (B★,T★;C)** E J-Houghton 3-9-8	**Charles Bishop 88**
7	(14)	10922- **AMERICAN GULF 338 (D)** O Cole 3-9-5	**Cieren Fallon 93**
8	(13)	1111190 **AL NAJASHI 70 (D)** O Sangster 3-9-5	**Edward Greatrex 87**
9	(10)	-448102 **DILIGENTLY 26 (P★;D)** C Cox 4-9-3	**David Probert ●99**
10	(5)	/531711 **GOLDEN LONG 21 (D)** L Souza 6-9-3	**Pat Dobbs 96**
11	(12)	6542221 **HAVANA BLUE 21 (D)** J Camacho 6-9-0	**Ryan Sexton 97**
12	(6)	-836582 **SWORD 14** S Williams 5-8-13	**Silvestre De Sousa 98**
13	(15)	09-2056 **SAINT LAWRENCE 33 (CD)** K Ryan 8-8-9	**Jack Callan 89**
14	(9)	7850135 **FIFTY NIFTY 14 (E;D)** M Dunne 5-8-9	**Toby Moore (7) 89**
15	(7)	1460222 **NORTHCLIFF 8 (V;BF,CD)** R Burdon 6-8-9	**Alexandra Egan (7) 94**

BETTING: 4 Golden Long, 9-2 Diligently, 5 Havana Blue, 8 Sword, Northcliff, 10 American Gulf, Fast Track Harry, 14 Fifty Nifty, Saint Lawrence, Havana Hurricane
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 4 7 3 3
2025: Brosay 3-9-6 Harry Davies 9-1 (P Attwater) drawn 8, 19 ran.

5.10 TOTE.CO.UK RACING & SPORTS BETTING HANDICAP (2); value tot he winner £18,900; 5f. (13 runners)

1	(4)	24-5300 **WEST ACRE 17 (B;D)** G Scott 4-9-12	**Charles Bishop 96**
2	(6)	4-U4931 **FLUORESCENCE 20 (D)** E Bethell 4-9-10	**Oisin Orr ●99**
3	(8)	1115025 **GOLD STAR HERO 17 (D)** M Bell 4-9-7	**Callum Shepherd 97**
4	(2)	148342 **MANATEE MEHMAS 17 (D)** D O'Meara 3-9-6	**Cieren Fallon 96**
5	(7)	4-81809 **CINQUE VERDE 28 (D)** A Carroll 6-9-2	**Silvestre De Sousa 89**
6	(3)	6457155 **ROCKING ENDS 20 (V;D)** T Clover 6-9-2	**Jason Watson 91**
7	(12)	2720519 **DYONISOS 39 (D)** I Williams 4-9-1	**Edward Greatrex 92**
8	(11)	3-32536 **GLAMOROUS BREEZE 21 (D)** C Mason 8-9-1	**Gina Mangan 94**
9	(5)	1-30998 **ZOULU CHIEF 7** H Main 5-8-10	**Lewis Edmunds 88**
10	(1)	4303881 **RHYTHM N HOOVES 21 (V;CD)** R Cowell 6-8-9	**Saffie Osborne 92**
11	(10)	730-851 **MAELSTROM 14 (D)** S Williams 4-8-8	**Jack Dace (5) 98**
12	(13)	9-80040 **UNDERWRITER 17** M Keady 3-8-8	**Jack Doughty 84**
13	(9)	8414003 **MESAAFI 25 (B;D)** R Burdon 5-8-7	**Connor Planas 93**

BETTING: 4 Fluorescence, 9-2 Manatee Mehmas, 11-2 Gold Star Hero, 7 Maelstrom, Rhythm N Hooves, 8 Glamorous Breeze, 10 Mesaafi, Dyonisos
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 2 7 2-5 1
2025: Woolhampton 5-9-4 H Crouch 7-2 Fav (B Millman) drawn 13, 16 ran.

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4.05 COND SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (5); winner £3,776; 2m 3f. (7 run)

1 -P2P **PIGEON HOUSE 49** C & A Pogson 6-12-0 .... **B Morgan**
2 2-1B **AT THE OCHE 13 (BF)** D Skelton 5-11-8........ **H Atkins (3)**
3 70-0 **MOUNTAIN PORT 64** D Hitchins 7-10-12............ **R David**
4 3494 **VERSATILE F9** J Owen 5-10-6 .... **R Corcoran**
5 6163 **MOJO EGO 13 (BF)** F O'Brien 6-10-5.......... **T Broughton**
6 1353 **RAFFLES NOBU 8 (B;D)** N Scholfield 6-10-2 **J Stenhouse (5)**
7 39PP **CHILLHI 48 (CD)** B Murphy (Ire) 6-10-2............. **C Maggs**
At The Oche ●99, Pigeon House 98, Mojo Ego 97.
13-8 At The Oche, 15-8 Mojo Ego, 5 Raffles Nobu, 11 Pigeon House, Versatile, 33 Chillhi, Mountain Port

4.40 NOVICE HURDLE (4); winner £5,446; 2m. (7 runners)

1 3-11 **GAMBINO 7** D Skelton 5-11-12............................ **H Skelton**
2 4-11 **KING'S SCHOLAR 100 (D)** O Murphy 5-11-12 **T Hutsby (10)**
3 1-21 **PIONEER PETE 91 (D)** J & A O'Neill 6-11-12.. **J O'Neill Jr**
4 657- **TAZMAN DAN 153** S Edmunds 5-11-0......... **C Hammond**
5 P0 **BAILEY'S LUCK 43 (H)** C Hobson 4-10-12 .... **B Poste**
6 047- **DON'T REIN ME IN 167** C Honour 4-10-12........ **B Carver**
7 75- **NORTHWEST PASSAGE F26** I Furtado 4-10-12 **W Shanahan (5)**
Pioneer Pete ●99, King's Scholar 97, Gambino 96.
6-4 Pioneer Pete, 15-8 Gambino, 5-2 King's Scholar, 20 Northwest Passage, 33 Don't Rein Me In, 50 Tazman Dan

5.15 HANDICAP HURDLE (5); winner £4,568; 2m. (10 runners)

1 -452 **JET PATROL 16 (CD)** J Owen 9-12-0 .... **S Bowen**
2 322/ **LANGTON WOLD F12 (BF)** B Ellison 7-11-13 **N Moscrop**
3 -173 **MAYDAY GAMES 16 (CD)** S Lycett 7-11-9.......... **B Powell**
4 U-23 **LORD OF THE GLANCE 7 (CD)** A Hales 7-11-5 **T McCain-Mitchell (3)**
5 -45P **WESTERN SOLDIER 67 (D)** S Mullins 8-11-3 **B Macey (5)**
6 4658 **CONNEMARA JOE 13 (T★)** M Sheppard 5-10-13 **S Sheppard**
7 548U **GENBU 13 (D)** S Davies 4-10-13............... **Mr S Burton (7)**
8 1237 **SAUCATS 14** J Tickle 5-10-12........................ **C Pritchard**
9 05-F **BATTLE STRIDE 52** R Armson 4-10-8........ **P Armson (3)**
10 P8-8 **RAINCLOUD 105** M Chapman 6-10-2....................... **J Best**
Jet Patrol ●99, Lord Of The Glance 98, Saucats 97.
13-8 Jet Patrol, 9-4 Lord Of The Glance, 11-2 Mayday Games, 8 Saucats, 11 Western Soldier, 20 Langton Wold, 25 Genbu

5.45 HANDICAP CHASE (3); winner £7,922; 2m 1f. (6 runners)

1 -441 **BREAKING COVER 9 (D)** A Honeyball 8-12-0 **C Bament (5)**
2 2131 **CAPTAIN COOL 16 (CD)** J Candlish 6-11-10 **Sean Quinlan**
3 433P **SONY BILL 41** F Bramley 5-11-8........................ **H Kimber**
4 231P **SIR TIVO 16 (CD)** G Hanmer 12-11-3................... **S Bowen**
5 -5F2 **IN THIS WORLD 11 (D)** B Summers 8-10-2 .... **J Best**
6 2-21 **GOWER PRINCE 21 (H;D)** J & A O'Neill 8-10-2 **B Macey (5)**
Breaking Cover ●99, Captain Cool 98,Gower Prince 97.
7-4 Breaking Cover, 5-2 Gower Prince, Captain Cool, 8 Sir Tivo, 25 In This World, Sony Bill

Sun FORM

BREAKING COVER (11-9) 3-1 held up, headway 6th, went second after next, not fluent 4 out, led 2 out, clear last, eased towards finish, bt Obsessedwithyou (11-10) 11l (4 ran) (Newton Abbot 2m hcap ch (2) £13,202 good to firm).
CAPTAIN COOL (11-4) 9-4 fav held up behind leaders, chased leader after 3rd, headway to lead 3 out, ridden approaching last, kept on well run in, bt Crebilly (11-7) 2¾l **SIR TIVO** (11-2) 8-1 led, headed 3 out, weakened quickly after 2 out, pulled up before last, (6 ran) (Stratford 2m 3f hcap ch (2) £13,879 good to firm).
SONY BILL pulled up latest, earlier (11-10) 12-1 led, not fluent 5th, headed 4 out and pushed along, battled on close up, faded approaching last, 3rd of 4 (btn 11l) to Sunray Shadow (11-0) (Uttoxeter 3m nov hcap ch (3) £6,179 good).
SIR TIVO pulled up latest, earlier (11-2) 10-1 made all, ridden and pressed before last, kept on, bt In The Air (11-3) 1¼l **CAPTAIN COOL** (11-3) 13-8 fav prominent, pushed along before 2 out, pressed winner after 2 out, kept on, 3rd (btn 1¼l) **BREAKING COVER** (11-10) 7-2 raced in fourth, went 3rd before last, lost 3rd and no extra run-in, 4th (btn 3½l) (5 ran) (Stratford 2m 1f hcap ch (2) £13,070 good to firm).
IN THIS WORLD (11-2) 25-1 held up in rear, ridden after 2 out, took remote second before last, weakened after last, finished tired, btn 26l by Duke Of Luckley (11-9) (4 ran) (Stratford 2m 1f hcap ch (4) £4,521 good to firm).
GOWER PRINCE (11-7) 12-1 handy in second, led 3 out, drew clear, ran on well, readily, bt Miss Denver (10-6) 9l (8 ran) (Market Rasen 2m 1f hcap ch (4) £5,149 good).

6.15 HANDICAP HURDLE (4); winner £5,017; 2m 6f. (8 runners)

1 -122 **ROARING HOME 49** H Daly 7-11-11...... **S Twiston-Davies**
2 9-3P **PORTER IN THE PARK 94 (C)** E Lavelle 9-11-10 **C Johnstone-Baker (7)**
3 5-6P **JACKSTELL 67** J Snowden 7-11-8................... **G Sheehan**
4 56-8 **JARAMILLO 45** W Greatrex 8-11-8............... **R Upton (10)**
5 -214 **JUAN BERMUDEZ 68 (BF,C)** H Oliver 7-11-5 .. **L Pinchin**
6 1302 **TIME TO BITE 48 (B)** C Honour 11-11-5................ **B Carver**
7 3-44 **NOTNOWLINDA 16** D Skelton 9-11-2 .... **H Skelton**
8 U-38 **DINONS 49 (D)** B Ellison 13-11-2 .... **N Moscrop**
Roaring Home ●99, Juan Bermudez 97, Time To Bite 90.
Evens Roaring Home, 2 Juan Bermudez, 10 Time To Bite, Notnowlinda, 20 Jackstell, Porter In The Park, 33 Dinons

TEMPLEGATE

4.05..........At The Oche
4.40..........Pioneer Pete
5.15..........Jet Patrol
5.45..........Captain Cool
6.15..........Time To Bite
6.45..........Bahtiyar
7.15..........Sadies Diamond

TOM PEPPER

4.05..........Mojo Ego
4.40..........King's Scholar
5.15..........Lord Of The Glance
5.45..........Breaking Cover
6.15..........Roaring Home
6.45..........Danny's Friend
7.15..........Parikarma

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed triangular shaped track of 1m 2f, with eight fences per circuit and a run-in of 200 yards. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): D Skelton 34-142, F O'Brien 19-96, J Snowden 18-70, G Hanmer 17-82. THIS SEASON: D Skelton 9, J Candlish 5, F O'Brien 3. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): S Bowen 34-128, H Skelton 28-93, G Sheehan 23-110, S Twiston-Davies 19-101. THIS SEASON: H Skelton 8, S Bowen 7, Sean Quinlan 3. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Northwest Passage (4.40). Round trip of 342 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Battle Stride (5.15), Jackstell (6.15), Leave Her To Me (7.15). ■LIVE ON RACING TV

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ROARING HOME (10-12) 8-1 tracked leader, pushed along before last, stayed on run-in, not pace of winner closing stages, btn 2¼l by Caughtinyourtrance (11-9) **DINONS** (10-8) 28-1 mid-division, led 4 out, ridden after 2 out, headed before last, weakened quickly flat, 8th (btn 9½l) (13 ran) (Cartmel 2¾m hcap hdle (3) £15,947 good).
PORTER IN THE PARK pulled up latest, earlier (11-4) 18-1 midfield, went third 2 out, soon outpaced by leaders, held on for third post, 3rd of 8 (btn 18l) to Ryebridge (11-0) (Market Rasen 2m 7f hcap hdle (3) £9,242 good).
JACKSTELL pulled up latest, earlier (11-10) 5-1 mid-division, hit 3rd, outpaced after last (normal 3 out), soon weakened, 6th of 7 (btn 29l) to Crebilly (12-0) (Market Rasen 2m 5f hcap hdle (4) £5,149 good).
JARAMILLO (11-11) 80-1 held up in touch, ridden before 4 out, never involved, 8th of 9 (well btn) to Mt Fugi Park (11-11) (Worcester 2m 7f hcap ch (4) £4,700 good).
JUAN BERMUDEZ (12-0) 2-1 fav led, headed last, no extra and dropped to 4th finish, 4th of 6 (btn 1½l) to Playful Fox (10-12) (Stratford 2m hcap hdle (4) £5,174 good to firm).
TIME TO BITE (12-1) 7-2 led, untidy 3 out and reduced lead, pushed along and headed before 2 out, kept on but no match for winner, btn 12l by Jager Time (11-2) (6 ran) (Newton Abbot 3¼m hcap hdle (4) £5,281 good to firm).
NOTNOWLINDA (11-7) 11-2 handy, ridden and weakened quickly after 2 out, 4th of 5 (btn 15l) to Rebel Tribesman (11-7) (Stratford 2¾m hcap hdle (4) £3,482 good to firm).

6.45 HANDICAP CHASE (5); winner £4,832; 2m 7f. (11 runners)

1 3121 **HUCKLEBERRY STING 21** T Ellis 7-12-0........ **J Andrews**
2 2532 **PREMIER FANTASY 9 (P★)** N Scholfield 7-12-0 **H Reed**
3 5565 **A DUBLIN JOB 21 (V)** S Davies 9-11-8 **C Johnstone-Baker (7)**
4 -21U **JACK DOYEN 11 (B)** B Case 10-11-6 .... **J Quinlan**
5 5-41 **DANNY'S FRIEND 74** C Williams 7-11-2................ **J Tudor**
6 P/55 **ON THE PLATFORM 62** B Clarke 10-10-10..... **L Edwards**
7 2434 **GONE IN SIXTY 17 (BF)** A Hales 9-10-6............. **S Bowen**
8 P658 **KEEP ME POSTED 17** M Sheppard 9-10-5. **H Bannister**
9 4256 **BAHTIYAR 55** M Young 8-10-5............................... **B Poste**
10 7033 **WATCHOUTITSCOOKIE 11 (D)** N Hawke 8-10-2 **D Noonan**
11 6PP- **HONNEUR DE SIVOLA 165 (V★)** C Hobson 9-10-2 **B Powell**
Danny's Friend ●99, Huckleberry Sting 98, Jack Doyen 94.
13-8 Huckleberry Sting, 15-8 Danny's Friend, 11-2 Jack Doyen

7.15 MARES HANDICAP HURDLE (5); winner £3,169; 2m 6f. (10 runners)

1 3160 **MISTRAL BLUE 17** F O'Brien 8-12-0............ **F O'Brien (5)**
2 9P-6 **LEAVE HER TO ME 51** D Killahena & G McPherson 8-11-13 **N Slatter (3)**
3 2723 **PARIKARMA 21 (V)** S Drinkwater 9-11-11 **Miss I Mathias (7)**
4 4446 **BLACKWATER LILLY F39 (T★)** N King 6-11-10 **J Quinlan**
5 -118 **LADY BEE GREAT 17 (P★)** M Sheppard 7-11-9 **S Sheppard**
6 6-46 **LIASSE D'ARGENT 98** T Gretton 6-10-10 .... **B Macey (5)**
7 3306 **QUICK OF THE NIGHT 21** D Roberts 9-10-9. **L Edwards**
8 8-35 **SADIES DIAMOND 7** S Mullins 7-10-6 **Mr J Stenhouse (7)**
9 -88P **PORRIDGE 88** T Leeson 6-10-4.................... **O Palmer (7)**
10 64P5 **MC'FLO 11** A Carson 5-10-2................................. **B Powell**
Parikarma ●99, Blackwater Lilly 96, Mistral Blue 94.
Evens Parikarma, 9-2 Blackwater Lilly, 10 Mistral Blue

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4.10 QUINNBET.COM FILLIES' HANDICAP (Class 5); value to the winner £4,397; 1m 4f. (7 runners)

1 (3) 211-886 **VELVET WHISPER 18 (D)** E Bethell 4-9-9....................**Cian Horgan (5) 91**
2 (5) 9802- **DIOR NOIR 290 (T★)** M Sowersby 4-9-5 .... **Cam Hardie 96**
3 (2) 0953230 **JUJUBELLA 37 (CD)** L Russell & M Scudamore 5-9-3.......**David Nolan 97**
4 (7) 710/0-94 **SHARONA 2 (P★)** J Bedi 5-8-13.....................................**non-runner 71**
5 (6) 5241145 **RUBELLITE 42 (CD)** S Hanlon 6-8-13........................**Conor Whiteley (5) 92**
6 (1) 3525121 **RECOBELLA 22 (D)** P Kirby 5-8-11..................**Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) ●99**
7 (4) 3565373 **PRINCESS NIYLA 12** A Brown 6-8-8..................................... **Alex Jary (3) 90**
BETTING: 5-2 Recobella, 7-2 Jujubella, 9-2 Dior Noir, 5 Princess Niyla, 11-2 Velvet Whisper, 7 Rubellite
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3
2025: Timeless Charm 4-9-1 Oisin Orr 8-1 (K P De Foy) drawn 4, 7 ran.

4.45 QUINNBET BEST ODDS GUARANTEED HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £3,768; 2m. (4 runners)

1 (2) 89011 **NIFFLER 10 (C)** Sir M Prescott 3-9-9.......................... **Poppy Scott (7) ●99**
2 (1) -6739162 **ADA ROSE 2** K De Foy 3-9-8...**Shane Gray 88**
3 (4) -044454 **STAR OF MARKINCH 9** G Rutherford 10-9-6.......................**Greg Fairley 87**
4 (3) 0-56834 **LILYKOY 10 (B)** D Cunha 3-8-10.. **Alex Jary (3) 91**
BETTING: 2-9 Niffler, 6 Lilykoy, 10 Star Of Markinch, 12 Ada Rose
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 7 3-4
2025: Quercus Robur 6-9-9 Cam Hardie 28-1 (A Nicol) drawn 11, 12 ran.

5.20 QUINNBET EXTRA PLACE NOVICE STAKES (4); value to the winner £5,400; 7f. (9 runners)

1 (2) 1- **CEO STEALTH MODE 489** S France 4-10-1..... **Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) 92**
2 (1) 1 **REFORMATION 23 (D)** A Balding 3-9-11................... **Alistair Rawlinson 95**
3 (4) 0-55 **RUA MOR 96** S England 4-9-8... **Jonny Peate 82**
4 (9) 32 **HOZAM 69 (BF)** K Frost 3-9-4 ....**William Pyle 94**
5 (6) 64 **LEAGUE OF JUSTICE 25** G Tutty 3-9-4....................**Conor Whiteley (5) 88**
6 (3) 6 **WHATEVER BRUCE 82** G Tutty 3-9-4...................................**David Nolan 70**
7 (8) 433233 **FOXY NIGHT 15** J Butler 3-8-13 .... **Sam James ●99**
8 (7) 6 **JANORA 16** S Spencer 3-8-13..**Dale Swift 77**
9 (5) 22 **REGAL DESIRE 74** B Ellison 3-8-13.. **Cam Hardie 97**
BETTING: 9-4 Foxy Night, 11-4 Hozam, 10-3 Regal Desire, 13-2 Reformation, 12 Ceo Stealth Mode, 20 League Of Justice, Rua Mor, 25 Janora, 50 Whatever Bruce
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

5.57 CHRISTMAS PARTIES AT NEWCASTLE RACECOURSE NOVICE STAKES (3); 2-y-o; winner £7,020; 7f. (8 run)

1 (6) **ALKUMATIC DAN** I Furtado 9-7 .... **Jonny Peate —**
2 (4) **CRYSTAL DARK** E Bethell 9-7...**Sam James —**
3 (3) 5 **DODGEM 43** J Camacho 9-7............................... **Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) 84**
4 (1) **GEOMETRY** R Varian 9-7... **Robbie Downey —**
5 (5) 33 **MR MINZ 54** I Jardine 9-7... **Jack Nicholls (3) ●99**
6 (8) **SKIES THE SPIRIT** K Frost 9-7..**Alistair Rawlinson —**
7 (2) 5 **ST HELIER 36** K Ryan 9-7 ....**Tom Eaves 87**
8 (7) **WADACRE GABRIEL** C Johnston 9-7 ....**Dougie Costello —**
BETTING: 2 Geometry, 5-2 Mr Minz, 4 Crystal Dark, 7 Wadacre Gabriel, St Helier
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

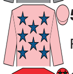
6.30 MINI GOLF HIGH GOSFORTH PARK FILLIES' HANDICAP (4) winner £5,653; 6f (7 run)

1 -52625 **LADY KODIAC 50 (D)**
(5) J Tate 3-9-12 .... **Harry Vigors (5) ●99**
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 3 £20,884
Below best latest, strong AW second previously, mark has eased, player

2 /1457- **PERSIAN SPIRIT 364 (D)**
(3) E Bethell 4-9-9 .... **Sam James 92**
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (S,A) £16,020
Not badly treated at best but off year and stable switch since last seen

3 454607 **ANAISA 4 (D)**
(7) T Easterby 3-9-3.......... **Sean Kirrane 86**
Runs: 17 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 2 £41,731
Lstd win at two but struggled since, mark easing and not disgraced latest

4 71 **DARK ANGEL LIGHT 71 (D)**
(4) J Camacho 3-9-3. **Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) 97**
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (F) £4,320
Donny novice winner, changed stables since, opening mark fair, go well


5 3-5075 **ORMOLULU 58 (D)**
(6) G Tutty 6-9-3....... **Conor Whiteley (5) 85**
Runs: 42 Wins: 6 (F,5A) Places: 8 £45,587
Better latest and attractively hcapped on best form, don't rule her out

6 443915 **MALDEVIOUS 25 (D)**
(1) B Ellison 4-9-0 .... **Cam Hardie 90**
Runs: 14 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £8,423
Thirsk win two starts ago, higher mark anchored her latest, same again

7 -16547 **ZARINCA 30 (B★;D)**
(2) E Bethell 3-8-7 .... **Jack Nicholls (3) 89**
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 1 £6,804
Sthwell win to start season but hasn't kicked on, blinkers tried, squeak

BETTING: 11-4 Dark Angel Light, 3 Lady Kodiac, 4 Persian Spirit, 11-2 Ormolulu, 13-2 Maldevious, 10 Zarinca, 25 Anaisa
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 6
2025: Vibrant Pearl 3-8-13, M Winn 14-1 (P Midgley), drw 2, 11 ran.

TEMPLEGATE

4.10..........Jujubella
4.45..........Niffler
5.20..........Foxy Night
5.57..........St Helier
6.30..........Lady Kodiac
7.00..........Great Profit
7.30..........Criminal Shore
8.00..........Blazing Son
8.30..........Age Of Time

TOM PEPPER

4.10..........Dior Noir
4.45..........Lilykoy
5.20..........Hozam
5.57..........Crystal Dark
6.30..........Dark Angel Light
7.00..........Sea Her Excel
7.30..........Jamaican Storm
8.00..........Coramento
8.30..........Starliner

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed all-weather Tapeta course with a 3f run-in. Races up to a mile run on the straight course. ■DRAW: High numbers have a slight advantage over 5f. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): I Jardine 66-633, D O'Meara 63-455, A Balding 55-203, K Ryan 51-312. THIS SEASON: A Balding 12, B Haslam 12, I Jardine 11. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): D Nolan 52-435, T Eaves 50-555, C Hardie 47-923, S James 36-455. THIS SEASON: D Nolan 8, Conor Whiteley 7, C Hardie 6. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Look Back Smiling (8.30) trained at Limpley Stoke. Round trip of 636 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

7.00 DOWNLOAD THE RACECOURSE APP RACEDAY READY HANDICAP (5); 3-y-o; winner £4,397; 6f. (14 run)

1 (10) 4-82221 **GREAT PROFIT 29 (D)** W Harrison 9-9.......................... **Barry McHugh 98**
2 (4) 1160404 **RILEY ROCKS 21 (CD)** D Cunha 9-9.................................. **Sam James ●99**
3 (12) 46184-5 **MARCH AHEAD 101 (D)** B Smart 9-9 ....**David Nolan 85**
4 (14) -031513 **SEA HER EXCEL 16 (D)** I Furtado 9-6.......................**Elle-May Croot (5) 96**
5 (8) 8489378 **RECORD DAY 58** B Ellison 9-6..................................**Conor Whiteley (5) 86**
6 (2) 3335306 **COMPRADOR 28** A Brittain 9-6.. **Cam Hardie 89**
7 (7) 4227394 **BELIEVEINMENOW 36 (H)** N Tinkler 9-5 .... **Faye McManoman 97**
8 (3) 342250 **CELTIC ARROW 19** J Camacho 9-4................. **Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) 94**
9 (6) 9443-09 **PERINEIGHS 36** S Spencer 9-3...**Dale Swift 85**
10 (13) -204588 **SHOWTOWN 25 (B★)** K Ryan 9-3 ....**Tom Eaves 93**
11 (11) 0193256 **MAXIMUM VELOCITY 17** N Tinkler 9-3............................. **Alex Jary (3) 97**
12 (9) 56-5260 **SAXON PRINCE 72** J & S Quinn 9-2............................**Dougie Costello 88**
13 (1) 35-0175 **DONTWASTE A MOMENT 36 (C)** I Furtado 9-2................ **Jonny Peate 90**
14 (5) -708584 **STORM ESME 25 (CD)** T Easterby 9-0 ....**Sean Kirrane 87**
BETTING: 11-4 Great Profit, 10-3 Sea Her Excel, 11-2 Believeinmenow, 6 Maximum Velocity, 13-2 Riley Rocks, 8 Celtic Arrow, 10 Storm Esme, 12 Dontwaste A Moment
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5
2025: Sole Spirit 9-5 Harrison Shaw 12-1 (B Smart) drawn 1, 10 ran.

7.30 FREE TIPS ON ATTHERACES.COM HANDICAP (DIV 1) (5); value to the winner £4,397; 7f. (9 runners)

1 (2) 8060781 **SUNRISEONTHEBOYNE 3 (C,D)** B Haslam 4-10-0(5ex).. **Harry Vigors (5) 93**
2 (6) 4106063 **CRIMINAL SHORE 3 (V;BF,C)** D O'Meara 4-9-9 ....**Conor Whiteley (5) 94**
3 (3) 00-2006 **FEEL THE NEED 40 (D)** M Herrington 6-9-9.............**Alistair Rawlinson 96**
4 (5) 327-890 **YAAJOOZ 93** M & D Easterby 5-9-7................................ **Robbie Downey 88**
5 (8) 36-5090 **HIGHFIELD VIKING 28 (D)** J & S Quinn 6-9-5.............**Dougie Costello 85**
6 (9) 0917714 **ENPASSANT 71 (CD)** S Dixon 5-9-5 .... **Kieran O'Neill 96**
7 (7) 2149361 **JAMAICAN STORM 36 (CD)** B Smart 4-9-3 .... **David Nolan ●99**
8 (1) -668592 **WISH THIS 36 (B;C)** A Brown 4-9-2...**Tom Eaves 97**
9 (4) 1112197 **SPARTAN FIGHTER 183 (V;CD)** A Brittain 9-9-1................ **Cam Hardie 90**
BETTING: 9-2 Jamaican Storm, 5 Wish This, 11-2 Enpassant, 8 Feel The Need
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

8.00 FREE TIPS ON ATTHERACES.COM HANDICAP (DIV 2) (5); value to the winner £4,397; 7f. (9 runners)

1 (6) 2164843 **ANTHROPOLOGIST 44 (CD)** M Herrington 4-9-9...............**Sam James 97**
2 (2) 3550545 **BENACRE 47 (CD)** C Johnston 6-9-9 .... **Jonny Peate 92**
3 (7) 7235150 **JESMOND DAWN 22 (CD)** G Tuer 5-9-8............................ **Jack Garritty 85**
4 (1) -366842 **RED MIRAGE 22 (B;D)** J & S Quinn 8-9-7 .... **Harry Vigors (5) ●99**
5 (8) 9000097 **WAR HOWL 21 (D)** B Haslam 4-9-6...**David Nolan 88**
6 (4) 2698530 **BLAZING SON 44 (CD)** B Smart 8-9-3 ....**William Pyle 87**
7 (5) 11-6691 **CORAMENTO 36 (CD)** R Craggs 5-9-3........................**Jack Nicholls (3) 98**
8 (3) 0807474 **GRESSINGTON 11 (V;CD)** K Scott 5-9-1................................**Sam James 89**
9 (9) 4387452 **FINN IRONSIDE 36 (CD)** I Furtado 5-9-0..................**Elle-May Croot (5) 90**
BETTING: 4 Coramento, 9-2 Red Mirage, 11-2 Anthropologist, 8 Jesmond Dawn

8.30 ATTHERACES.COM HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £3,768; 1m. (9 runners)

1 (6) 4570223 **CHUZZLEWIT 42 (CD)** T Coyle & K Wood 6-9-9................. **Cam Hardie 95**
2 (2) 9-04376 **LOOK BACK SMILING 18 (B★;C,D)** N Mulholland 6-9-8 **Conor Whiteley (5) 93**
3 (9) 8626140 **RELEVANT RANGE 5 (CD)** I Furtado 7-9-7...............**Elle-May Croot (5) 92**
4 (4) 0432334 **SECOND FIDDLE 15 (CD)** I Jardine 7-9-7................**Jack Nicholls (3) ●99**
5 (3) -738931 **EY UP HE'S A STAR 61 (C,D)** T Coyle & K Wood 4-9-7....**David Nolan 96**
6 (1) 8822622 **STARLINER 3 (C,D)** L Perratt 5-9-6...**William Pyle 98**
7 (7) 4232359 **AGE OF TIME 82** Steph Hollinshead 5-9-1....................**Dougie Costello 87**
8 (5) 0009628 **WHISKEY PETE 14 (D)** N Tinkler 5-9-0 ....**Alex Jary (3) 85**
9 (8) -783818 **DARING LEADER 40 (C,D)** C Kellett 5-9-0 ....**Tom Eaves 90**
BETTING: 10-3 Ey Up He's A Star, 7-2 Starliner, Chuzzlewit, 11-2 Second Fiddle, 8 Look Back Smiling, 10 Daring Leader, 14 Relevant Range, 16 Age Of Time
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

★ **SMART dual-purpose performer THE REVEREND is on track to make his return from injury in the Irish Cesarewitch on September 27. The five-year-old, a four-time winner on the Flat for William Haggas, moved to Willie Mullins' yard to be campaigned over hurdles and suffered a hairline pelvis fracture a week before the Cheltenham Festival.**

YOUR QUICK ABC CHECK: A-Ascot, H-Haydock, K-Kempton, Nc-Newcastle, Nv-Navan, S-Stratford, T-Thirsk

A Dublin Job 6.45S
Ada Rose 4.45Nc
Adaay Of Scarlett 3.20K
Addison Grey 1.40A
Advertised 4.15H
Aegean Prince 3.05H
African Affair 4.20Nv
Agamemnon 3.20K
Age Of Time 8.30Nc
Agostino 2.35Nv
Akaraka 1.35T
Al Najashi 4.35A
Albatala 4.20Nv
Alkumatic Dan 5.57Nc
Allsortz 3.10Nv
Almeraq 3.40H
Almeric 2.50K
Almost Okay 3.45Nv
Alto Sax 4.20Nv
Amazing Force 3.45Nv
American Affair 3.40H
American Gulf 4.35A
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Ancestor 2.10A
Anchiano 2.05T
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Anthropologist 8.00Nc
Apple Sponge 3.45Nv
Applesandpears 4.00A
Aramram 3.40H
Archers Bay 2.10A
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Arklow Lad 4.15H
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Ashnak 3.05H
Asia Force 2.30H
Astro King 4.30K
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Attack Attack 1.45K
Bahtiyar 6.45S
Bailey's Luck 4.40S
Ballaghkeen 4.55Nv
Ballysax Boo 3.45Nv
Ballysax Lil' Mick 2.35Nv
Balmacara 1.25H
Balzac 3.25A
Bang Po 4.20Nv
Barenboim 5.05K
Bated Benevolence 3.20K
Battle Stride 5.15S
Bay Of Myths 4.25T
Bearin Up 5.25H
Believeinmenow 7.00Nc
Belle Island 1.30Nv
Ben Lomond 5.30Nv
Benacre 8.00Nc
Betelgeuse 5.05K
Big Mojo 3.40H
Black Star Boy 4.15H
Black Velvet Boy 2.05T
Blackwater Lilly 7.15S
Blazing Son 8.00Nc
Blue Prince 2.20K
Borora Aura 4.55Nv
Breaking Cover 5.45S
Brian 4.50H
Bridge Of Eagles 2.30H
Brighton Boy 4.50H
Cadreville 4.55Nv
Caffu Zafeen 2.35Nv
Caim 5.25H
Calamint 4.20Nv
Calling A Star 3.55K
Callisterra 2.40T
Camelot Queen 5.30Nv
Campeona 5.05K
Capall Cuain 4.20Nv
Cape Ashizuri 4.50H
Cape Fear 2.10A
Capital Guarantee 5.35T
Captain Con 4.55Nv
Captain Cool 5.45S
Captain James Cook 2.00Nv
Carrickfinn 4.55Nv
Casino Star 2.05T
Cause I Like You 4.20Nv
Cavolo Nero 2.20K
Celestial Crown 2.00Nv
Celtic Arrow 7.00Nc
Ceo Stealth Mode 5.20Nc
Chillhi 4.05S
Chloe's Boy 4.20Nv
Churchill Gale 4.20Nv
Chuzzlewit 8.30Nc
Cinque Verde 5.10A
Cleopatra Dream 2.35Nv
Coco Nova 1.35T
Colori Forever 1.25H
Colpe Cross 3.45Nv
Commanche Falls 3.50T
Comprador 7.00Nc
Concert Pitch 2.05T
Connemara Joe 5.15S
Connova 4.55Nv
Constitution Hill 2.50K
Coppull 3.40H
Coramento 8.00Nc
Cotai Belle 3.15T
Cotton Bud 2.30H
Crazy Cubana 1.45K
Criminal Shore 7.30Nc
Crown Office 5.25H
Crystal Dark 5.57Nc
Dancing Gemini 1.25H
Dancing In Paris 3.05H
Dandymaria 3.45Nv
Dandyville 3.10Nv
Dannahue 2.45A
Danny's Friend 6.45S
Dapper Valley 3.50T
Daring Leader 8.30Nc
Dark Angel Light 6.30Nc
Dark Cloud Rising 3.50T
Dark Whisper 3.25A
Darkness 4.50H
Date Line 4.00A
De Songbird 4.20Nv
Decade Of Time 2.10A
Deetee 5.30Nv
Destiny Calls 1.30Nv
Deuteronomy 4.55Nv
Diligently 4.35A
Dingle 2.20K
Dinons 6.15S
Dior Noir 4.10Nc
Divine Legend 3.45Nv
Dodgem 5.57Nc
Don't Rein Me In 4.40S
Dontlookanyfurther 2.40T
Dontwaste A Moment 7.00Nc
Dubai Future 2.50K
Due In June 4.55Nv
Dyonisos 5.10A
Efsixteen 3.20K
Elara May 4.15H
Electrifarhh 4.00A
Elmakaya 3.45Nv
Elsass 4.30K
Emberelle 3.45Nv
Emily's Boy 4.55Nv
Empire Rising 1.35T
Enpassant 7.30Nc
Erosandpsyche 3.10Nv
Eskimo Pie 3.55K
Essence Of Time 1.30Nv
Evenfall 3.20K
Exposure 2.20K
Ey Up He's A Star 8.30Nc
Fast Track Harry 4.35A
Feel The Need 7.30Nc
Ferrous 4.35A
Fifty Nifty 4.35A
Figjam 3.15T
Final Night 5.25H
Finalise 3.05H
Finn Ironside 8.00Nc
First Law 1.55H
Fiscal Policy 5.35T
Fivethousandtoone 3.50T
Flash Kozo 5.05K
Flower Forest 3.45Nv
Fluorescence 5.10A
Fondo Blanco 1.25H
Forest Berry 1.45K
Four Ball 5.30Nv
Foxy Night 5.20Nc
Frankies Dream 5.00T
Furturra 2.05T
Galilean Quality 2.30H
Gambino 4.40S
Garfield Shadow 4.35A
Gavriel 3.25A
Genbu 5.15S
Geometry 5.57Nc
Gethin 2.50K
Ghost Mode 1.40A
Giordano 5.30Nv
Giselles Defence 4.20Nv
Glamorous Breeze 5.10A
Glen Breeze 2.35Nv
Glen To Glen 3.05H
Glenfinnan 1.40A
God Knows 4.20Nv
Gold Star Hero 5.10A
Golden Long 4.35A
Golden Mind 4.35A
Golden Oasis 1.45K
Golden West 3.05H
Gone In Sixty 6.45S
Good Karma 5.00T
Gotta Catch'em All 3.10Nv
Gower Prince 5.45S
Grasmere Boy 3.50T
Great Profit 7.00Nc
Greek Symphony 1.45K
Gressington 8.00Nc
Guildmaster 2.10A
Gulf Beat 5.30Nv
Haeret In Pectore 4.20Nv
Hair Raising 2.40T
Haku 4.30K
Handani 5.30Nv
Hankelow 1.25H
Havana Blue 4.35A
Havana Hurricane 4.35A
He Knows When 4.55Nv
Heriot's Hope 5.30Nv
Hermetic 3.05H
Heyzoom 2.10A
High Storm 4.25T
Highfield Viking 7.30Nc
Highlander Addict 5.30Nv
Honneur De Sivola 6.45S
Howlin Wolf 2.00Nv
Hozam 5.20Nc
Huckleberry Sting 6.45S
I Ready 2.00Nv
I'm Workin On It 2.20K
If Not For Grace 5.30Nv
Imperial Guard 5.35T
In The Breeze 3.05H
In This World 5.45S
Incensed 4.30K
Into The Light 2.10A
Intrusively 5.00T
Irish Rumour 2.35Nv
It's Good To Talk 5.30Nv
Jack Doyen 6.45S
Jackandthefox 2.35Nv
Jackstell 6.15S
Jamaican Storm 7.30Nc
James's Delight 3.40H
Janora 5.20Nc
Jaramillo 6.15S
Jazz Forever 4.20Nv
Jer Batt 4.15H
Jesmond Dawn 8.00Nc
Jet Patrol 5.15S
Jolie Cailin 3.45Nv
Joyous Heart 3.45Nv
Juan Bermudez 6.15S
Jujubella 4.10Nc
Jungle Ruler 5.25H
Kahin 3.25A
Katherine 4.20Nv
Keep Me Posted 6.45S
Keilah 4.55Nv
Kidd 2.35Nv
Kind Of Blue 3.40H
Kindest Nation 5.25H
King Of Thunder 4.50H
King's Code 4.30K
King's Scholar 4.40S
Kingcharles 4.20Nv
Kisiyra 4.25T
Kissmehoneyhoney 3.05H
Knightsail 4.25T
Korker 4.50H
Kosometsuke 5.00T
La Pittura 2.45A
La Tache 2.00Nv
Lady Bee Great 7.15S
Lady In The Gods 3.45Nv
Lady Kodiac 6.30Nc
Lady Patrona 2.00Nv
Lady Roxby 3.55K
Lady's Court 1.30Nv
Langton Wold 5.15S
Lars Soldier 2.00Nv
Law Court 3.25A
League Of Justice 5.20Nc
Leave Her To Me 7.15S
Legato 5.30Nv
Lethimfly 2.35Nv
Liasse D'argent 7.15S
Lilykoy 4.45Nc
Lion Of Alba 3.25A
Lismacbryan 2.35Nv
Little Sure Shot 3.45Nv
Look Back Smiling 8.30Nc
Lookingforarainbow 3.45Nv
Lope El Fuego 3.55K
Lopeo 2.30H
Lord Bishop 2.40T
Lord Britain 1.40A
Lord D'or 2.10A
Lord Of The Glance 5.15S
Love Tanya 1.35T
Lucy's Promise 1.30Nv
Luna Celeste 4.00A
Ma Blushin Rosie 2.40T
Maelstrom 5.10A
Magna Fortuna 1.30Nv
Magnesium 1.45K
Majestic 4.30K
Make The Tide 4.20Nv
Maldevious 6.30Nc
Malulee 2.40T
Manatee Mehmas 5.10A
Marcescence 1.30Nv
March Ahead 7.00Nc
Marching Mac 4.15H
Mare Crisium 4.20Nv
Marvelman 3.40H
Maximum Velocity 7.00Nc
Mayday Games 5.15S
Mc'flo 7.15S
Medadthebookie 5.30Nv
Mesaafi 5.10A
Metal Merchant 5.25H
Metallic 5.30Nv
Michinaga 5.30Nv
Midnight Strike 5.35T
Midnight Thunder 3.50T
Miletus 5.25H
Military Leader 5.25H
Millhone 4.55Nv
Mirabeau 4.35A
Mirissa Beach 1.30Nv
Miss Crinshawn 4.55Nv
Miss Ivor 4.20Nv
Mississippi Shine 5.30Nv
Mistral Blue 7.15S
Misunderstood 5.00T
Mojo Ego 4.05S
Moll's Gap 3.45Nv
Moltophino 3.10Nv
Monastere 2.35Nv
Monoceros 5.25H
Montezin 4.50H
Moonrise 3.20K
Morning Approach 4.55Nv
Mostar Dreams 3.50T
Mountain Port 4.05S
Mountain Road 3.05H
Moyanna Castle 1.30Nv
Mr Bollinger 4.25T
Mr King 5.35T
Mr Minz 5.57Nc
Mubasimah 1.40A
Musical Touch 3.50T
My Girl Georgia 1.30Nv
My Shayla 3.45Nv
Mythical Bay 2.30H
Mythical Phoenix 5.00T
Namiid 3.10Nv
Nanino Niyati 4.00A
Native Honey 5.00T
Native Instinct 5.00T
Nautic Star 3.45Nv
Naval Tribute 5.05K
Needle Match 1.25H
Neon Eyes 4.20Nv
Nephin Mountain 4.20Nv
Nibras Rainbow 4.55Nv
Nicely 3.20K
Niffler 4.45Nc
Nikovo 2.20K
Northcliff 4.35A
Northern Express 1.40A
Northern Viola 1.35T
Northwest Passage 4.40S
Notnowlinda 6.15S
Now Maybe 3.25A
Nugentstown Sue 5.30Nv
Nyman 5.35T
Obelix 5.35T
Oh I Do Declare 4.20Nv
On The Platform 6.45S
One Cool Bear 2.35Nv
Onyeisi 4.55Nv
Oolong Poobong 3.15T
Or Another 1.35T
Orion's Belt 4.00A
Ormolulu 6.30Nc
Paborus 3.40H
Packetofbiscuits 5.35T
Pallatine Hills 4.20Nv
Paradise Walk 3.55K
Parikarma 7.15S
Passing Thought 3.15T
Pensando A Te 2.45A
Pequenita 1.45K
Percy's Lad 2.20K
Perfect Part 3.15T
Perineighs 7.00Nc
Persian Spirit 6.30Nc
Persica 1.25H
Pierre Grosse 2.30H
Pigeon House 4.05S
Pioneer Pete 4.40S
Pippy Boy 2.40T
Poatan 4.15H
Pole Star 3.05H
Popmaster 2.20K
Porridge 7.15S
Porter In The Park 6.15S
Powdering 3.55K
Premier Fantasy 6.45S
Pride Of Arras 2.50K
Primo Lara 4.30K
Prince Kameo 1.35T
Princess Niyla 4.10Nc
Princesse D'orange 2.05T
Proposal 3.15T
Queen Leila 4.55Nv
Quick Of The Night 7.15S
Rafe's da Man 1.55H
Raffles Nobu 4.05S
Raincloud 5.15S
Ray Mon Dough 3.50T
Recobella 4.10Nc
Record Day 7.00Nc
Red Lily 1.30Nv
Red Mirage 8.00Nc
Reddy 2.40T
Redemption Road 1.25H
Reem Rak 2.30H
Reformation 5.20Nc
Regal Desire 5.20Nc
Relevant Range 8.30Nc
Rhoscolyn 4.50H
Rhythm N Hooves 5.10A
Riley Rocks 7.00Nc
Roaring Home 6.15S
Rocket Boy 1.55H
Rocking Ends 5.10A
Roeillaun 1.30Nv
Romanza 1.55H
Roots In Touche 2.05T
Rosa Inglesa 4.00A
Rosato 2.35Nv
Royal Bones 5.30Nv
Rua Mor 5.20Nc
Rubellite 4.10Nc
Rum Point 2.40T
Rumble Ruby 3.55K
Sadies Diamond 7.15S
Saint Lawrence 4.35A
Sakoku 5.30Nv
Saucats 5.15S
Savage Mariner 2.05T
Saxon Prince 7.00Nc
Scorcher's Son 5.30Nv
Scottys Rocket 2.40T
Sea Her Excel 7.00Nc
Second Fiddle 8.30Nc
Seren Star 4.00A
Sergeant Wilko 4.50H
Shallow 3.55K
Sharona 4.10Nc
Shesthedevil 2.00Nv
Shimmering Sun 3.20K
Showtown 7.00Nc
Silver Ghost 1.40A
Simmering Seas 2.35Nv
Sir Tivo 5.45S
Skies The Spirit 5.57Nc
Social Symbol 3.20K
Somethingaboutlove 1.30Nv
Sony Bill 5.45S
Sou'wester 1.35T
Spartan Fighter 7.30Nc
Spirit Of Acklam 4.25T
St Helier 5.57Nc
Stanley Spencer 5.35T
Star Anthem 4.50H
Star Of Markinch 4.45Nc
Starliner 8.30Nc
Steel Magnolia 2.35Nv
Step Back In Time 2.35Nv
Steppinoncats 5.30Nv
Storm Esme 7.00Nc
Stressfree 3.05H
Strike De Vega 4.55Nv
Sturlasson 4.15H
Sudu 4.30K
Sunny Dude 4.55Nv
Sunriseontheboyne 7.30Nc
Supido 2.20K
Supreme Lord 2.00Nv
Surpass And Shine 2.35Nv
Susie's Angel 3.45Nv
Sword 4.35A
Synergism 3.05H
Tarot 3.55K
Tawakal 3.20K
Tazman Dan 4.40S
Texting 2.40T
The Black Lodge 3.45Nv
The Fingal Raven 1.40A
The Good Biscuit 3.50T
The Liffey 2.20K
The Lost King 1.25H
The Love Machine 2.35Nv
The Monkey King 1.35T
The Sweet Escape 5.25H
Thegooseiscooked 4.55Nv
Theheatison 1.55H
This Moment 2.05T
Thunder Call 1.40A
Thunderbear 3.10Nv
Tickle The Cat 4.55Nv
Tiernan 4.30K
Time To Bite 6.15S
Topteam 4.30K
Tornado Alert 2.50K
Toyotomi 4.15H
Tradewinds 2.00Nv
Trilby 4.15H
Trishuli River 4.55Nv
True Test 4.00A
Tryst 4.00A
Turty Tree 2.10A
Twin Nation 5.30Nv
Two Tempting 2.20K
Two Tribes 1.40A
Uncle Zello 2.40T
Underwriter 5.10A
Valedictory 3.05H
Veil Of Clouds 3.55K
Velvet Whisper 4.10Nc
Versatile 4.05S
Vico Road 5.30Nv
Victory Ace 2.20K
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Wadacre Gabriel 5.57Nc
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Wardlaw 4.25T
Warrant Holder 2.50K
Warrior Mode 2.20K
Watchoutitscookie 6.45S
West Acre 5.10A
Western Soldier 5.15S
What's The Plan 4.25T
Whatever Bruce 5.20Nc
Whiskey Pete 8.30Nc
Whitcombe Rockstar 4.30K
Wingit 4.55Nv
Wipeawayyourtears 4.20Nv
Wish This 7.30Nc
Woodhay Wayfarer 1.45K
Wreck It Ryley 4.50H
Wreck It Ryley 5.00T
Yaajooz 7.30Nc
Yanifer 5.25H
Your A Daisy 1.30Nv
Zarenakarena 3.45Nv
Zarinca 6.30Nc
Zighy 3.55K
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Favourite 10-3

ALVARO ARBELOA is two league games into his Fulham reign. After losing both, he is Ladbrokes' 10-3 favourite to be first Prem boss axed.

EVS

WITH Pep gone, Manchester City are evens with BetVictor NOT to win a major trophy this season under new manager Enzo Maresca.

Newcastle v Bournemouth

12.30pm TNT SPORTS talkSPORT

RUMOURS of Newcastle's demise after Anthony Gordon, Sandro Tonali and Bruno Guimaraes' exits have been greatly exaggerated.

Pegged back in their opener late on by Liverpool, they followed up with an impressive win at Spurs.

Toon have not managed to beat today's visitors Bournemouth at home in the Prem since 2019.

Today can be the day. Anthony Elanga *(right)* has put Newcastle 1-0 up in both Prem games so far and is 11-1 with Sky Bet to do it again.

FORECAST: 2-1

Magpies to beat the Cherries 2-1

7-1

BETGOODWIN

Hull City v Aston Villa

5.30pm sky sports

NAILED on as 1-6 certs to go down, Hull have been the surprise packages so far — beating Man United and Coventry.

And they took their acquisitions to 18 new players this summer. Good luck Unai Emery on figuring out how they'll set up tonight then.

His Villa side haven't scored or got a point but should be good enough to change that with Emi Buendia *(right)* 13-5 with bet365 to score anytime.

FORECAST: 2-2

Hull and Villa to draw tonight, BTTS

7-2

BETGOODWIN

DARK HORSE

12-1

SEVEN goals in their first two games tells you all you need to know about the rampant Chelsea attack this season.

Arsenal are champions, so they know where the net is.

William Hill go a best-priced 12-1 both teams score in BOTH halves.

++ TOP TIPS ++ TOP TIPS ++ TOP TIPS ++

PRO BET: Brighton to beat Leeds, West Brom to beat Watford, Bradford to beat Mansfield, Huddersfield to beat Notts Co, Salford to beat Port Vale. Acca pays 20-1 with Betfred.

TOP DRAW: Fulham v Palace, Birmingham v Wolves, Swindon v Colchester, Crewe v York, Acca pays 140-1 with Betfred.

RETIREMENT BET: Charlton to win at Stoke, Bristol City to win at Burnley, QPR to beat Middlesbrough, Wrexham to win at Swansea, Blackpool to win at Reading, Orient to win at Luton, Crawley to win at Accrington, Gillingham to win at Rochdale. Perm 1 x Acca, 8 x 7-folds, 28 x 6-folds. Acca pays 28,838-1 with bet365.

AWAY DAY: Southampton to win at Lincoln, Sheff Wed at Peterborough, Walsall at Exeter, Grimsby at Cheltenham. Acca pays 19-1 with Coral.

TV SPECIAL: Newcastle to beat Bournemouth, Hull-Villa draw, Man United to win at Everton, Arsenal-Chelsea draw. Acca pays 68-1 with Betfred.

Gun fight!

HAVERTZ SHARPER THAN GYOKERES

By KEVIN DUNNE

THERE'S the Havertz and the Havertz nots — and it turns out Viktor Gyokeres falls into the latter category.

Arsenal's showcase signing from last summer has been reduced to the role of a £64million benchwarmer — having been an unused sub in the Gunners' opening two Premier League wins.

Displaced by German sort-of-striker Kai Havertz, boss Mikel Arteta has decided the Swede is not the answer to the club's 20-year search for the next Thierry Henry, even after he bagged 22 goals in all competitions last season.

Nor were any of big names Julian Alvarez, Vinicius Jr or Lautaro Martinez.

Despite being the champions of England and Champions League runners-up, Arsenal could not attract the kind of world-class hitman that would have been a genuine next-step upgrade.

If they had Chelsea's nuclear trident of Joao Pedro, Morgan Rogers and Cole Palmer sitting in the Emirates dressing room every week, the rest of the Premier League might as well pack up and go home.

Still the Gunners can console themselves with the fact they improved Europe's finest midfield with the arrival of Bruno Guimaraes from Newcastle and bolstered the best defence with England's Ezri Konsa.

Not to mention having one of the best wingers in the game in Bukayo Saka, with the already impressive new boy Christos Tzolis joining him on the flanks.

The market has the Gunners odds-on to retain their Prem crown but the big early-season movers have been Chelsea — tomorrow's visitors to the Emirates — in from 9-1 to 5-1. Now that they have solved their keeper problem by bringing in World Cup-winner Emiliano Martinez, they look genuine title contenders.

Coral's John Hill has been impressed by the Blues so far.

He said: "I love everything about Chelsea going forward.

"I think it's the best front line in the Premier League — but I still have big concerns about their defence.

"With the depth the Gunners have, I can see them winning multiple trophies this season.

"So I am backing Arsenal to win tomorrow and BTTS at 23-10. Chelsea should get on the scoresheet."

Arsenal are odds-on for the clash, the draw is 3-1 with Betfred and the Blues are a best-priced 17-4 with bet365.

Yes, Chelsea have been a little chaotic so far this term in beating Fulham 3-2 and Brighton 4-3.

But that chaos and their quality can break up Arsenal's composed patterns enough to get something tomorrow.

Goals are almost guaranteed, with BTTS a best-priced 3-4 with BetGoodwin.

So draw and BTTS at Betfred and BetVictor's 4-1 is the selection — with 2-2 trading at a tempting 16-1 with Betway.

FRONT AND CENTRE . . . Havertz is Arteta's main man in attack

Arsenal v Chelsea
Tomorrow, 4.30pm
sky sports

LAST weekend's Dark Horse came rattling down the outside as SunSport's KEVIN DUNNE landed a very tidy 10-1 winner with Chelsea beating Brighton, both sides scoring in the first half and Cole Palmer scoring anytime. Our football tipster also advised Blues to win and BTTS at 5-2. He even weighed in with Manchester United to beat Ipswich and over 4.5 goals at 18-5 — and had Yoane Wissa to score anytime for Newcastle against Spurs at 12-5.

Everton v Man Utd

Tomorrow, 2pm sky sports

EVEN Donald Trump couldn't get this week's Folarin Balogun decision reversed, as the Monaco striker had a look at Everton and gave his £40million move the red card.

And that's left the Toffees in a sticky spot up front. Tomorrow's visitors Manchester United got over their shock 2-0 loss at newly- promoted Hull on the opening day to wallop Ipswich 5-2 and have won six of the last eight of these contests.

Away win and Marcus Rashford *(right)* to score anytime at 3-1 with Coral.

FORECAST: 1-3

Man U to win at Everton tomorrow and over 3.5 goals

17-4

BETGOODWIN

COLE-FIRED . . . Palmer (right) has shone for Chelsea

Arsenal-Chelsea to draw 3-3 tomorrow

40-1

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15-2

RECORD SIGNING Enzo Fernandez has arrived at Manchester City from Chelsea. The midfielder is 15-2 with Paddy Power to assist five or more-Prem goals for Erling Haaland this season.

GOODWINNERS ENCLOSURE

SPURS took a £300million punt in the summer — and sadly there's no cash-out available for Roberto De Zerbi to claw any of it back!

The Italian signed ten players, including £100m Sandro Tonali who was hooked as Tottenham were beaten 2-0 by his old side Newcastle – tipped by us at 19-10 in this column last week.

Their terrible start has left De Zerbi's lads joint-bottom of the Prem with De Zero points.

And we are getting some nibbles at a shortening 12-1 that they get relegated.

But fans should expect a turnaround, with Spurs still 5-2 to finish top six.

You'll never walk alone but the three points never fancied joining Liverpool for a wander as they were held by Forest.

The visitors' first point of the season was a great result for our traders here at BetGoodwin Towers though.

But we got burned on anything with BTTS in it – as Chelsea and Brighton banged in another seven goals to add to the seven the pair got on the opening weekend, with the Blues winning 4-3 at the Bridge on Sunday.

Despite their incredible start, Hull remain our 4-11 favourites to go down. Beating Coventry made it two wins from two.

But can the Tigers keep this up? Today's visitors Aston Villa are pointless and struggling to even get a shot on target. Hull to win to nil at 11-2 could be a very interesting play.

The three newly-promoted sides are unchanged at the top of the relegation market, with the Sky Blues 2-5 and Ipswich 6-5. Fulham are the big movers and are into 12-5 for the drop.

Tomorrow our 17-10 title favourites Arsenal host Chelsea – now 5-1 after signing keeper Emiliano Martinez from Villa – in an Emirates blockbuster.

We make the Gunners 4-6 favourites but, with the Blues' firepower, we like the draw and over 1.5 goals at 15-4 as the best bet. Finally, the BetGoodwin Banker Acca for this weekend is . . . Brighton, Burnley, Leicester and Northampton all to win at a huge 10-1!

GAME on and the Hammers turn up.

Having kicked off the season as red-hot 7-4 favourites to win the Championship, two points from their first three games was a shock to the system.

Which, I guess, relegation from the Prem is.

But the 4-2 victory over closest-market rivals Wolves on Tuesday signals they may have woken up to the reality of their new life.

The best-price 9-4 from Betway they win the title may now be as good as it gets.

Early pace-setters — Swansea, QPR and Charlton — can be had at 20s, 40s and 100-1 respectively (all best prices with Ladbrokes).

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1.30 IRISH EBF AUCTION SERIES FILLIES MAIDEN; 2-y-o; value to the winner €15,000; 6f. (15 runners)

1 (2) **MY GIRL GEORGIA (H★)** E McCutcheon 9-4 — **Liam Keniry —**
2 (15) 6723 **ROEILLAUN 13** N Meade 9-4 — **Colin Keane ●99**
3 (7) 236068 **BELLE ISLAND 43** R Aguiar 9-2 — **Donagh O'Connor 83**
4 (8) **RED LILY** E & P Harty 9-2 — **Shane Foley —**
5 (9) 66 **ANA MORELLO 21** D Dias 9-0 — **Diego Lima 78**
6 (10) **DESTINY CALLS** M Butler 8-10 — **Gavin Ryan —**
7 (11) 00 **MAGNA FORTUNA 67 (H)** P McEnery 8-10 — **Nathan Crosse 70**
8 (5) **MARCESCENCE** G Cromwell 8-10 — **Gary Carroll —**
9 (13) 9 **MOYANNA CASTLE 21** J Heavey 8-10 — **Leigh Roche 73**
10 (12) 5 **SOMETHINGABOUTLOVE 3** C Farrell 8-10 — **Rory Cleary 79**
11 (4) **YOUR A DAISY** R Aguiar 8-10 — **Wayne Lordan —**
12 (6) 72 **ESSENCE OF TIME 1** A Oliver 8-8 — **Chris Hayes 91**
13 (14) 5 **LADY'S COURT 21** P Flynn 8-8 — **Reese Holohan (7) 85**
14 (3) 076803 **LUCY'S PROMISE 9** A McGuinness 8-8 — **Declan McDonogh 95**
15 (1) **MIRISSA BEACH** C Timmons 8-8 — **Jamie Powell —**

BETTING: 11-4 Roeillaun, 11-2 Belle Island, Ana Morello, 13-2 Lucy's Promise
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 2 5 2 1
2025: Treasured Royal 8-9 R Whearty 11-4 Fav (G Cromwell) drawn 1, 15 ran.

2.00 IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF NURSERY HANDICAP; 2-y-o; winner €20,101; 6f. (10 runners)

1 (10) 3551 **SUPREME LORD 9 (CD)** R Aguiar 9-13 — **Donagh O'Connor 97**
2 (8) 6414 **LA TACHE 43 (B)** G Lyons 9-12 — **Colin Keane 93**
3 (9) 5323306 **TRADEWINDS 7 (B★,T★)** D O'Brien 9-7 — **Paddy Harnett (3) 88**
4 (5) 658142 **I READY 20 (B,T★;BF,D)** P Flynn 9-6 — **Reese Holohan (7) 96**
5 (6) 1534255 **LARS SOLDIER 5** M Mulvany 9-5 — **Wesley Joyce (3) 91**
6 (1) 2441 **LADY PATRONA 31 (D)** J Harrington 9-3 — **Shane Foley ●99**
7 (4) 87166 **SHESTHEDEVIL 20 (CD)** P Magee 8-13 — **Chris Hayes 87**
8 (3) 77412 **HOWLIN WOLF 9 (P★;D)** J Davison 8-9 — **Declan McDonogh 98**
9 (7) 27878 **CELESTIAL CROWN 20** J Murtagh 8-7 — **Rory Mulligan (5) 89**
10 (2) 076 **CAPTAIN JAMES COOK 18** A P O'Brien 8-7 — **Wayne Lordan 85**

BETTING: 9-4 Howlin Wolf, 5 Supreme Lord, 7 Lady Patrona, 8 Captain James Cook
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED & 2025: No corresponding race.

2.35 NAVAN FESTIVAL EARLY BIRD TICKETS ON SALE NOW HANDICAP (0-60); winner €6,000; 5f. (19 runners)

1 (10) 665205 **AGOSTINO 281 (V;D)** S Davis 6-10-2 — **Jimmy Dalton (7) 91**
2 (14) -020503 **IRISH RUMOUR 14 (CD)** M Lynch 6-10-2 — **Orla Tynan (7) 96**
3 (6) 9072020 **ROSATO 7 (BF,C)** C Weld 5-10-2 — **Shane Foley 89**
4 (9) 9100-00 **SURPASS AND SHINE 20 (D)** P Flynn 5-10-2 — **Scott McCullagh 82**
5 (7) 02-0409 **ASDANA 90 (V;D)** W McCreery 4-10-1 — **Sam Coen (5) 87**
6 (2) 0-20000 **LETHIMFLY 7 (D)** G Keane 4-10-0 — **Colin Keane 84**
7 (15) 7-60242 **SIMMERING SEAS 7** D Murphy 3-10-0 — **Ben Coen 97**
8 (17) -434721 **STEEL MAGNOLIA 13 (V;D)** W McCreery 4-9-12 — **Billy Lee ●99**
9 (3) -244700 **ONE COOL BEAR 85 (V)** A McGuinness 3-9-11 — **Adam Caffrey 90**
10 (5) 2031659 **GLEN BREEZE 5** P Magee 3-9-7 — **Shane Markey (7) 91**
11 (19) 6-00090 **CAFFU ZAFEEN 7** P Flynn 5-9-6 — **Joseph Sheridan 87**
12 (16) **05-0 CLEOPATRA DREAM 239** D Dias 3-9-4 — **Diego Lima 82**
13 (11) 0-02159 **MONASTERE 50** K Thornton 4-9-3 — **Jack Cleary (5) 96**
14 (13) 26-0605 **BALLYSAX LIL' MICK 20 (D)** K Brown 8-9-0 — **Wesley Joyce (3) 94**
15 (12) -009030 **STEP BACK IN TIME 13 (CD)** C Timmons 8-9-0 — **Gary Carroll 84**
16 (8) 780 **KIDD 49** J McConnell 3-8-12 — **Nicola Burns (5) 82**
17 (18) 0000059 **THE LOVE MACHINE 31 (C)** S Davis 3-8-12 — **Luke McAteer 81**
18 (4) 7-05455 **JACKANDTHEFOX 33 (BF)** M Lynch 7-8-11 — **Rory Cleary 92**
19 (1) 580-070 **LISMACBRYAN 13 (V★)** G Kingston 5-8-11 — **Siobhan Rutledge 84**

BETTING: 3 Ballysax Lil' Mick, 9-2 Jackandthefox, 15-2 Steel Magnolia
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED & 2025: No corresponding race.

3.10 CHRISTMAS PARTIES AT NAVAN 6 & 13 DECEMBER HANDICAP; winner €15,000; 5f. (8 runners)

1 (4) 3382582 **EROSANDPSYCHE 6 (D)** D Murphy 8-10-0 — **Reese Holohan (7) 95**
2 (5) 514-600 **THUNDERBEAR 77 (T★;CD)** S Thorne 6-9-10 — **Jack Kearney (3) 88**
3 (7) 5514181 **AMIATA 9 (CD)** G Lyons 3-9-4 — **Colin Keane 98**
4 (6) 4-31423 **NAMIID 49 (CD)** J Murtagh 3-8-12 — **Ben Coen 96**
5 (2) 1313074 **ALLSORTZ 21 (D)** D Marnane 3-8-11 — **Luke McAteer ●99**
6 (8) 0-97992 **MOLTOPHINO 14 (B)** J Kinsella 5-8-7 — **Chris Hayes 93**
7 (1) 6112935 **GOTTA CATCH'EM ALL 3 (B;C)** H Rogers 6-8-7 — **Siobhan Rutledge 90**
8 (3) 7000-00 **DANDYVILLE 3** C O'Connell 8-8-7 — **Rory Cleary 85**

BETTING: 3 Allsortz, 5 Amiata, 7 Namiid, Erosandpsyche, 12 Thunderbear, 14 Moltophino, Gotta Catch'em All, 33 Dandyville
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 4 2 8 1
2025: Nezeeh 4-8-6 Wayne Hassett 3-1 Fav (D Hogan) drawn 4, 7 ran.

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EROSANDPSYCHE (9-7) 11-2 tracked leaders, pushed along 1f out, soon went 2nd, kept on close home, btn 3/4l by Likedbymike (9-2) (8 ran) (Cork 5f Listed (1) €30,000 yielding).

THUNDERBEAR (9-2) 100-1 chased leaders, ridden 1f out, faded, 23rd of 27 (11l) to Double Rush (9-9) (Ascot 6f hcap (2) £90,195 good to firm).

AMIATA (10-0) 4-1 dwelt, in rear, ridden and led 1f out, kept on well, bt By The Lake (9-7) hd. **GOTTA CATCH'EM ALL** (9-6) 7-2 fav led, headed 1f out, no extra final furlong, 3rd (btn 1l) (9 ran) (Navan 6f hcap €12,000 good).

NAMIID (9-7) 9-1 tracked leaders, travelling well 2f out, pushed along 1f out, kept on one pace, 3rd of 18 (btn 3/4l) to Mary Shoelaces (8-7) (Curragh 5f hcap €15,000 good to firm).

ALLSORTZ (8-9) 17-2 tracked leader, pushed along final furlong, kept on one pace, 4th of 12 (btn 2 1/4l) to Dark Ace (9-5). **DANDYVILLE** (9-7) 66-1 mid-division, pushed along straight, soon ridden and weakened, last (btn 16l) (Dundalk 6f hcap €15,000 AW).

MOLTOPHINO (8-8) 9-2 tracked leaders, 2nd over 1f out, every chance last 100 yards, held close home, btn 3/4l by Bear On The Run (8-13). **GOTTA CATCH'EM ALL** (8-7) 11-2 tracked leader, ridden 2 1/2f out, no extra 1 1/2f out, 9th (btn 9 1/4l) (10 ran) (Curragh 6f hcap €21,000 good).

GOTTA CATCH'EM ALL (9-10) 5-1 led after 1 1/2f, headed 1f out, no extra, 5th of 16 (btn 3 1/4l) to Cashel Blue (8-2). **DANDYVILLE** (9-9) 125-1 very slowly away and always in rear, detached halfway, one pace 1f out, last (btn 12l) (Navan 5f hcap €9,000 good).

TONIGHT'S ACTION IN USA

KENTUCKY DOWNS

GOING: FIRM; LIVE ON SKY

9.56 KENTUCKY TURF CUP INVITATIONAL STAKES (GRD 2); winner $1,008,000; 1m 4f. (10 runners)

1 (1) 2/22-22 **TIFFANY 63 (BF,D)** M Prescott (UK) 6-8-11 — **Luke Morris 96**
2 (2) 213-244 **DESVIO 56 (D)** M Meyers 5-8-12 — **John Velazquez 83**
3 (3) 31-1133 **DRESDEN ROW 35** T Pletcher 5-8-12 — **Tyler Gaffalione 89**
4 (4) 5413-11 **EFF THIRTY FIVE 62** M Maker 5-8-10 — **Antonio Fresu 87**
5 (5) 21-1474 **LAYABOUT 35 (B;D)** P Biancone 4-8-12 — **Keith Asmussen 82**
6 (6) 111-591 **ETHICAL DIAMOND 30 (D)** W P Mullins (Ire) 6-9-0 — **Ryan Moore ●99**
7 (7) 2-21111 **BURNHAM SQUARE 35 (D)** I Wilkes 4-9-0 — **Brian Hernandez Jr 98**
8 (8) 221-216 **OLE CRAZY BONE 21 (CD)** M Maker 6-8-12 — **Jose Ortiz 91**
9 (9) -523344 **ECHO LANE 49** R Crichton 5-8-10 — **Luis Saez 85**
10 (10) 3-21292 **FORT GEORGE 56** E Walker (UK) 4-8-12 — **Jamie Spencer 96**

BETTING: 2 Burnham Square, 3 Ethical Diamond, 9-2 Fort George, Tiffany, 8 Ole Crazy Bone, 12 Dresden Row, 20 Layabout, 25 Eff Thirty Five, Echo Lane, Desvio
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 6
2025: Ole Crazy Bone 8-10 Flavien Prat 27-4 (M Maker) drawn 8, 11 ran.

10.36 NASHVILLE DERBY INVITATIONAL STAKES (GRADE 2); 3yo; win $1,512,000; 1m 2f 110yds. (12 runners)

1 (1) 3D44112 **ROYAL CAUSEWAY 34** D Stewart 8-8 — **Cristian Torres 88**
2 (2) 34-311 **ROYAL GUARD 50 (D)** B Cox 8-8 — **Florent Geroux 95**
3 (3) 143-331 **GLACIUS 28** H Palmer (UK) 8-12 — **Luis Saez ●99**
4 (4) 12-21 **CAROLINE ST. BEAT 7** M Clement 8-8 — **Tyler Gaffalione 87**
5 (5) -643131 **VERSAILLES ROAD 28 (D)** T Pletcher 8-8 — **John Velazquez 90**
6 (6) 1-11117 **CAUSEWAY 53 (BF,D)** A P O'Brien (Ire) 8-10 — **Ryan Moore 98**
7 (7) 233-214 **FUZZBUSTER 35 (B)** V Oliver 8-8 — **Mario Gutierrez 81**
8 (8) 31611 **FANCY SAILOR 34** B Lynch 8-8 — **Brian Hernandez Jr 95**
9 (9) 111-180 **GOSTAM 62 (D)** A Wohler (Ger) 8-10 — **Antonio Fresu 96**
10 (10) 761182 **GO GREY 42** M Maker 8-8 — **Jose Ortiz 82**
11 (11) 5-31441 **NIL BUA GAN DUA 42 (D)** J O'Brien (Ire) 8-8 — **Ben Curtis 91**
12 (12) -7D1283 **BLACKMAIL 34 (BF)** M Casse (Can) 8-8 — **Javier Castellano 88**

BETTING: 5-2 Causeway, 4 Glacius, 6 Gostam, 7 Royal Guard, 15-2 Fancy Sailor, 10 Nil Bua Gan Dua, 12 Versailles Road, 14 Blackmail
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 6 2 1 1
2025: Wimbledon Hawkeye 8-10 F Dettori 9-4f (J Owen) drawn 12, 12 ran.

EAMONN HAMES

1.30 ..... Marcescence
2.00 ..... Lady Patrona
2.35 ..... Irish Rumour
3.10 ..... Namiid
3.45 ..... Nautic Star
4.20 Cause I Like You (nb)
4.55 ..... CONNOVA (nap)
5.30 ..... Royal Bones

TOM PEPPER

1.30 ..... Roeillaun
2.00 ..... La Tache
2.35 ..... Simmering Seas
3.10 ..... Erosandpsyche
3.45 ..... My Shayla
4.20 ..... Neon Eyes
4.55 ..... Nibras Rainbow
5.30 ..... Handani

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed undulating, galloping track of 1m 4f. There is a 3f run-in with a stiff uphill finish. ■DRAW: Low numbers Best. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): A P O'Brien 43-139, J Harrington 21-161, J P O'Brien 15-146, J P Murtagh 14-116. THIS SEASON: G M Lyons 5, A P O'Brien 4, J P O'Brien 4. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): W J Lee 31-182, C T Keane 22-214, B M Coen 20-178, J A Heffernan 18-126. THIS SEASON: W J Lee 6, G F Carroll 4, C T Keane 4. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: God Knows (4.20) & Carrickfinn (4.55) trained at Donegal. Round trip of 238 miles. ■JACKPOT: Races 3-6. PLACEPOT: Races 1-6. ■TRAINERFAX: G Cromwell won the 1.30 in 2021 and 2025. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

3.45 IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF FILLIES MAIDEN; value to the winner €9,000; 1m. (18 runners)

1 (20) **0- AMAZING FORCE 541** C O'Connell 4-9-8 — **Siobhan Rutledge —**
2 (15) 524- **COLPE CROSS 400** N Lupini 5-9-8 — **Seamie Heffernan 93**
3 (17) **ALMOST OKAY** J Fahey 3-9-3 — **Neve Bennett (7) —**
4 (21) **APPLE SPONGE** G Kingston 3-9-3 — **Robert Whearty —**
5 (9) 403 **DANDYMARIA 18** A Oliver 3-9-3 — **Gary Carroll 89**
6 (2) 5-742 **DIVINE LEGEND 18** J Murtagh 3-9-3 — **Ben Coen 93**
7 (13) 72343 **ELMAKAYA 15 (T★)** D Weld 3-9-3 — **Chris Hayes 91**
8 (5) **EMBERELLE** J Murphy 3-9-3 — **Colin Keane —**
9 (11) 45 **FLOWER FOREST 18 (BF)** A P O'Brien 3-9-3 — **Wayne Lordan ●99**
10 (8) 5 **JOLIE CAILIN 108** R O'Sullivan 3-9-3 — **Donagh O'Connor 85**
11 (4) 500- **JOYOUS HEART 301** J O'Brien 3-9-3 — **Joseph Sheridan 79**
12 (12) 04 **LADY IN THE GODS 43** A Lee 3-9-3 — **Robbie Colgan 83**
13 (18) 270-635 **LITTLE SURE SHOT 21 (B)** H Bromhead 3-9-3 — **Billy Lee 86**
14 (1) 347- **LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 330** D O'Brien 3-9-3 — **Gavin Ryan 86**
15 (7) **MOLL'S CAP** J Murtagh 3-9-3 — **Jamie Powell —**
16 (16) 62 **MY SHAYLA 16** D Marnane 3-9-3 — **Luke McAteer 90**
17 (14) 54-2332 **NAUTIC STAR 33 (BF)** J Harrington 3-9-3 — **Shane Foley 95**
18 (6) **THE BLACK LODGE** K Smith 3-9-3 — **Wesley Joyce (3) —**
19 (10) 9 **BALLYSAX BOO 42** K Brown 3-9-3 — **RESERVE 70**
20 (19) 6 **SUSIE'S ANGEL 39** M Fahey 3-9-3 — **RESERVE 74**
21 (3) 90 **ZARENAKARENA 14** E & P Harty 4-9-8 — **RESERVE 70**

BETTING: 13-2 Flower Forest, 8 Colpe Cross, 10 Nautic Star, 12 My Shayla, 14 Divine Legend, 16 Elmakaya, Amazing Force, 25 Dandymaria
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 1 0 2 4
2025: Katashuna 3-9-3 Chris Hayes 4-1 (D K Weld) drawn 5, 14 ran.

4.20 JUMPS AT NAVAN SEPTEMBER 19 HANDICAP (0-60) DIV 1; winner €6,000; 1m 2f. (21 runners)

1 (9) 0269/41 **ALBATALA J55 (D)** J McConnell 7-10-2 — **Sam Coen (5) 94**
2 (1) 57/60-8 **KATHERINE J10** A Sexton 9-10-2 — **Conor Lamon (10) 81**
3 (4) 550-605 **PALLATINE HILLS 20** E & P Harty 4-10-2 — **Jamie Powell 87**
4 (17) 2-09070 **GOD KNOWS 13 (D)** P Sweeney 7-9-13 — **Patrick McGettigan (5) 84**
5 (6) 866901 **MAKE THE TIDE 3 (C)** W McCreery 3-9-10(7ex) — **Billy Lee 95**
6 (21) 3-40429 **NEON EYES 73 (H;BF)** G Cromwell 3-9-10 — **Gary Carroll 92**
7 (2) 0-08 **AFRICAN AFFAIR 110** S Lavery 3-9-7 — **Robbie Colgan 75**
8 (10) 4192592 **ALTO SAX 9 (B;D)** P Fahey 5-9-7 — **Reese Holohan (7) 97**
9 (3) -483000 **JAZZ FOREVER 9 (B★)** P Flynn 6-9-7 — **Luke McAteer 78**
10 (14) 8594465 **MARE CRISIUM 9** K Condon 3-9-7 — **Shane Foley 90**
11 (19) 4051653 **NEPHIN MOUNTAIN 9 (C,D)** M Mulvany 3-9-7 — **Terry Casey (7) 93**
12 (23) 6-23190 **WIPEAWAYYOURTEARS 5 (B★)** M Butler 3-9-7 — **Jack Cleary (5) 91**
13 (18) 476-283 **CALAMINT J28** A Murray 6-9-6 — **Donagh O'Connor 98**
14 (22) 0-09 **OH I DO DECLARE 143** R O'Brien 3-9-4 — **Scott McCullagh 70**
15 (13) 00600 **CHLOE'S BOY 9** H Rogers 3-9-3 — **Siobhan Rutledge 72**
16 (5) 08808 **KINGCHARLES 9** K Coleman 3-9-3 — **Rory Cleary 70**
17 (20) 079468- **CHURCHILL GALE 304** D McLoughlin 4-9-0 — **James Ryan 82**
18 (11) 760770 **DE SONGBIRD 14** T McCourt 3-8-13 — **Sadhbh Tormey (7) ●99**
19 (24) 0652152 **CAUSE I LIKE YOU 6** M Mulvany 3-8-12 — **Wesley Joyce (3) 96**
20 (16) 80-0900 **MISS IVOR 6** P O'Rourke 3-8-10 — **Jimmy Dalton (7) 70**
21 (7) 000 **QUALIFY AGAIN 18 (H★)** D Kilmartin 3-8-7 — **Gavin Ryan 78**
22 (12)(09)00600 **BANG PO 11** L McAteer 6-8-10 — **RESERVE 74**
23 (8) 005-506 **HAERET IN PECTORE 125** A Martin 5-8-10 — **RESERVE 82**
24 (15) 0059050 **GISELLES DEFENCE 3 (D)** S Davis 6-9-8 — **RESERVE 76**

BETTING: 6 Alto Sax, 7 Cause I Like You, 15-2 De Songbird, 8 Calamint, 16 Albatala, 25 Capall Cuain, Nephin Mountain, God Knows
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 3
2025: Harseva 5-8-13 Joseph Sheridan 16-1 (P Magee) drawn 7, 19 ran.

4.55 JUMPS AT NAVAN SEPTEMBER 19 HANDICAP (0-60) DIV 2; winner €6,000; 1m 2f. (21 runners)

1 (3) 1321393 **NIBRAS RAINBOW 20 (B)** P Flynn 6-10-2 — **Leigh Roche 94**
2 (10) 3424370 **MISS CRINSHAWN 9 (P★)** P Fahey 4-10-1 — **Ben Coen 92**
3 (17) 6700- **BALLAGHKEEN 323** J Bolger 3-9-12 — **Declan McDonogh 78**
4 (7) 6321J-70 **KEILAH 24 (P★)** M McNiff 6-9-12 — **Joseph Sheridan 83**
5 (22) 0792232 **MILLHONE 9 (B★;BF)** C Weld 3-9-12 — **Rory Mulligan (5) 96**
6 (8) 8105589 **DEUTERONOMY 42 (B;D)** R Burns 7-9-11 — **Nicola Burns (5) 90**
7 (6) 0600 **STRIKE DE VEGA 9** A Oliver 3-9-10 — **Gary Carroll 73**
8 (5) -278410 **QUEEN LEILA 21** N Kelly 3-9-7 — **Luke McAteer 91**
9 (2) 0807 **TICKLE THE CAT 21** K Coleman 3-9-6 — **Chris Hayes 72**
10 (9) -523008 **TRISHULI RIVER 47** S Crawley 6-9-6 — **Seamie Heffernan 84**
11 (18) 0-00670 **CAPTAIN CON 63 (B★)** N Meade 3-9-3 — **Colin Keane 87**
12 (19) 64-0030 **THEGOOSEISCOOKED 24 (BF)** G Keane 9-9-3 — **Jack Kearney (3) 89**
13 (1) 0506000 **MORNING APPROACH 22** W McCreery 8-9-2 — **Billy Lee 78**
14 (11) 9429660 **BORORA AURA 9** M Mulvany 3-9-1 — **Terry Casey (7) 95**
15 (21) 984434/ **HE KNOWS WHEN 784** L Comer 6-9-1 — **Robbie Colgan —**
16 (14) 0-900 **EMILY'S BOY 147 (P★)** T Dowling 3-8-13 — **Adam Caffrey 70**
17 (4) -695260 **WINGIT 21** P Magee 3-8-12 — **Reese Holohan (7) 91**
18 (13) 0-30638 **ARIZONA STAR 6** M Mulvany 3-8-11 — **Wesley Joyce (3) 94**
19 (23) 786987 **DUE IN JUNE 6 (P★)** I Donoghue 3-8-10 — **Sean Davis 83**
20 (12) 00-4334 **CONNOVA 24 (BF)** S Lavery 3-8-9 — **Rory Cleary ●99**
21 (16) 0-03567 **CADREVILLE 43 (P★)** J Fahey 3-8-7 — **Nathan Crosse 97**
22 (20) 740076- **SUNNY DUDE J61** D Buckley 6-8-12 — **RESERVE 85**
23 (24) 00-7890 **CARRICKFINN 125 (B)** S Gallagher 7-8-12 — **RESERVE 82**
24 (15) 0740700 **ONYEISI 3 (D)** K Thornton 3-9-4 — **RESERVE 79**

BETTING: 13-2 Connova, 7 Due In June, 8 Borora Aura, 10 Cadreville, 11 Arizona Star, 20 Millhone, 25 Captain Con, Nibras Rainbow, Miss Crinshawn
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED & 2025: See Division 1.

5.30 LYNN LODGE STUD MAIDEN; value to the winner €7,200; 1m 2f. (23 runners)

1 (20) 9-0 **BEN LOMOND 18** G Kyne 6-10-0 — **Donagh O'Connor 70**
2 (1) 52/ **DEETEE 706** N Lupini 4-10-0 — **Leigh Roche —**
3 (4) 80 **HIGHLANDER ADDICT 24** P Flynn 5-10-0. **Robyn Donaghue-Leahy (7) 81**
4 (21) 080 **IF NOT FOR GRACE 24** L Cusack 4-10-0 — **James Ryan 73**
5 (13) 000 **IT'S GOOD TO TALK 38** E Mullins 5-10-0 — **Jamie Powell 85**
6 (17) 66 **MEDADTHEBOOKIE 53** E Buckley 6-10-0 — **Robert Whearty 74**
7 (2) 7 **SCORCHER'S SON 16** J O'Brien 4-10-0 — **Declan McDonogh 88**
8 (9) 0-0 **NUGENTSTOWN SUE 5** H Finegan 7-9-9 — **Nicola Burns (5) 70**
9 (19) 60 **FOUR BALL 5** C Murphy 3-9-8 — **Gavin Ryan 75**
10 (10) 90 **GIORDANO 14** D Kilmartin 3-9-8 — **Rory Cleary 70**
11 (18) **GULF BEAT** J O'Brien 3-9-8 — **Joseph Sheridan —**
12 (23) 2-23 **HANDANI 14** D Weld 3-9-8 — **Chris Hayes 98**
13 (16) **HERIOT'S HOPE** A Oliver 3-9-8 — **Billy Lee —**
14 (5) **LEGATO** M Mulvany 3-9-8 — **Wesley Joyce (3) —**
15 (12) 80 **METALLIC 5** J O'Brien 3-9-8 — **Scott McCullagh 80**
16 (11) 96 **MICHINAGA 18** C Weld 3-9-8 — **Rory Mulligan (5) 74**
17 (7) **MISSISSIPPI SHINE** G Lyons 3-9-8 — **Colin Keane —**
18 (6) 62 **ROYAL BONES 35 (BF)** J Harrington 3-9-8 — **Shane Foley 94**
19 (22) 0 **STEPPINONCATS 21** R Devine 3-9-8 — **Luke McAteer 70**
20 (3) **TWIN NATION** N Meade 3-9-8 — **Seamie Heffernan —**
21 (8) **VICO ROAD** J Murphy 3-9-8 — **Gary Carroll —**
22 (14) 6-3634 **CAMELOT QUEEN 50** A P O'Brien 3-9-3 — **Wayne Lordan ●99**
23 (15) 925 **SAKOKU 48** J Murtagh 3-9-3 — **Ben Coen 87**

BETTING: 3 Camelot Queen, 8 It's Good To Talk, 10 Scorcher's Son, Deetee, 12 Highlander Addict, Royal Bones, 14 If Not For Grace, Ben Lomond, Handani
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2025: Railwayview Lady 3-9-3 A Caffrey 125-1 (A Oliver) drawn 22, 18 ran.

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1. Dan Skelton	519
2. Mickey Bowen	251
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1. Harry Skelton	516
2. Sean Bowen	397
3. Harry Reed	157
4. James Bowen	146
5. Jonjo O'Neill Jr.	142

TOP OWNER	
1. Hools & Forces	79
2. David Pipe Racing Club	50
3. Miss Jayne Brace	43
3. The Cheeky Pups	43
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1. Micky Hammond	129
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3. James Moffatt	114
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5. Tristan Davidson	79

Far from a Pipe dream

DAVID PIPE has a real battle on his hands to claim the Sun Racing Summer Champion Smaller Trainer's title.

His Somerset yard has led the way all summer, but North Yorkshire handler Micky Hammond has stormed into the lead by four points after winners at Cartmel and Sedgefield. Both Hammond and Pipe have entries over the next few days at Fontwell, Newton Abbot and Sedgefield.

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RACING RESULTS

ASCOT

Going: Good-good to firm in places

1.55: 1 TEX Miss B Hampson (2-1 fav); **2 Dannick** (13-2); **3 Atmosphere** (16-1). 11 ran. 7/4l. 8l/4l. G Baker. T: £3; £1.90, £4.30, £1.40. Ex: £15.30. Tricast: £155.78. Trifecta: £178.40. CF: £15.56.

2.30: 1 SAN JOSE James Doyle (15-8 fav); **2 Impasto** (10-3); **3 Korsakov** (12-1). 11 ran. 2l/4l, 1l/4l. B Meehan. T: £2.88; £1.20, £1.60, £2.70. Ex: £12.60. Trifecta: £98.80. CF: £8.16.

3.05: 1 CLARITY James Doyle (3-1); **2 Divide And Conquer** (5-2 fav); **3 Kaguyahime** (11-1). 10 ran. nk; 1l/4l. A Balding. T: £4.30; £1.30, £1.30, £2.90. Ex: £14.20. Trifecta: £81.10. CF: £11.13. NR: Sunset Script.

3.40: 1 NOBELOS R Hornby (33-1); **2 Brushstroke** (11-1); **3 War Chest** (66-1). 7 ran (Pure Mint 8-15 fav). 3/4l; shd. C Hills. T: £34; £7.70, £2.80. Ex: £205.90. Trifecta: £7693.50. CF: £336.88.

4.15: 1 MALACHY'S WISH S Osborne (7-1); **2 Suspicious Mindz** (18-1); **3 Aalto** (7-4 fav). 8 ran. 1/2l; nk. J Osborne. T: £8; £1.80, £3.80, £1.30. Ex: £90.70. Trifecta: £418.20. CF: £120.01.

4.48: 1 HICKORY S Osborne (15-2); **2 Moonfall** (15-2); **3 Zennor Storm** (8-1). 13 ran (Spanish Voice 9-2 fav). 3/4l; 3/4l. J Osborne. T: £8.50; £2.40, £3.20, £3.20. Ex: £81.10. Tricast: £363.34. Trifecta: £521.90. CF: £67.28.

5.25: 1 FIRST LEGION S Foley (5-1); **2 Raging Raj** (4-1); **3 Golden Brown** (8-1). 8 ran (Luansobe 7-2 fav). nk; 1l/4l. R Hannon. T: £6; £2, £1.70, £2.30. Ex: £25.80. Tricast: £159.86. Trifecta: £178.40. CF: £25.89. NR: King Of Thunder.

JACKPOT: Not won, pool of £62,233.84 carried over.

PLACEPOT: £717.80

QUADPOT: £152.90

BANGOR

Going: Good-good to soft in places

1.40: 1 HOE JOLY SMOKE H Skelton (13-8); **2 Iamyouare** (4-7 fav); **3 Sovereignlightcafe** (20-1). 5 ran. 5l/2l; 42l. D Skelton. T: £2.63; £1.10, £1.10. Ex: £3. Trifecta: £5.30. CF: £3.01.

2.15: 1 DELGANY SECOND NOW H Skelton (4-9 fav); **2 Soldier In Mayo** (4-1); **3 Rockvale** (11-1). 7 ran. 5l; 2l/4l. D Skelton. T: £1.45; £1.10, £1.70. Ex: £2.80. Tricast: £7.59. Trifecta: £9.90. CF: £3.07. NR: Rule Me In.

2.50: 1 TAMARIND BAY J Bowen (5-4 fav); **2 Thickthorn Tom** (85-40); **3 Sure Touch** (10-1). 5 ran. 4l; 4l/4l. M Bowen. T: £2.25; £1.30, £1.40. Ex: £3.70. Trifecta: £15.70. CF: £4.54. NR: Regal Renaissance.

3.25: 1 ERNEST GRAY T Cannon (9-4 fav); **2 Roger Pol** (9-2); **3 Speed Davis** (10-1). 5 ran. 3l/4l; 12l. A King. T: £3.25; £1.70, £2.20. Ex: £15.40. Trifecta: £54.10. CF: £12.49.

4.00: 1 PRETTYLADY J Tudor (16-1); **2 Jammy Jay** (evens fav); **3 Northern Rose** (6-1). 4 ran. 2l/4l; 4l/4l. O Greenall & J Guerriero. T: £13; Ex: £19.10. Trifecta: £45. CF: £21.91. NR: I Heard A Rumour, Miss Fedora. Miss Fedora| Rule 4 applies to All Bets, deduct 25p in the £.

4.35: 1 LIMERICK LEADER J Bowen (17-2); **2 Depalma** (3-1); **3 Royal Time** (18-1). 7 ran (Harrys Hope 9-4 fav). 3l; 1l/4l. Nick Scholfield. T: £10; £4, £1.50. Ex: £31.60. Tricast: £449.46. Trifecta: £344.80. CF: £34.55. NR: Bahtiyar.

5.10: 1 BALLYNOE BOY D McMenamin (3-1 jtfav); **2 Cawthorne Cracker** (15-2); **3 Ashdown Forest** (3-1 jtfav). 11 ran. 5l; 1l/4l. N Richards. T: £4; £1.50, £2.70, £1.30. Ex: £31.50. Tricast: £75.66. Trifecta: £116.40. CF: £25.49. NR: Present Fair.

PLACEPOT: £982.80

QUADPOT: £623.30

DOWN ROYAL

Going: Good

3.53: 1 PREMIER VIEW Conor Cusack (12-1); **2 Spirit Of The Nite** (18-1); **3 Tango Club** (7-4). 11 ran (Monologue 13-8 fav). 1/2l; 1/2l. H De Bromhead. T: €15.50; €3, €4.20, €1.10. Ex: €383.20. Trifecta: €1576.70. CF: €184.57. NR: Best Love, Habu, Syrah.

4.25: 1 FORZA MAGICO J M Sheridan (evens fav); **2 Osterode** (8-1); **3 Otsana** (2-1). 12 ran. 3/4l; 1l/2l. J Feane. T: €2; €1.10, €2.10, €1.10. Ex: €11.10. Trifecta: €25.60. CF: €11.20. NR: Famed Again, White Smoke.

4.58: 1 SOVREIGNS JOY W M Lordan (15-8); **2 Essence Of Time** (9-2); **3 Ippy** (100-1). 14 ran (Whosinterviewinwho 13-8 fav). 2l/2l; 1l/2l. N Lupini. T: €2.88; €1.20, €1.70. €17.30. Ex: €12. Trifecta: €591.70. CF: €11.18. NR: Elzante, Melchizedek, Togetherwearefree.

5.30: 1 ROMANCE A J Slattery (7-1); **2 Elyatta** (4-1); **3 Summer Sen You** (25-1). 10 ran (Fine Line 11-4 fav). 2l/4l; 1l/4l. J H Halley. T: €8; €2.40, €1.70, €4.30. Ex: €58.10. Tricast: €695.21. Trifecta: €183.10. CF: €35.77.

6.00: 1 BOXING GREAT A Caffrey (10-3 fav); **2 Zoffman** (4-1); **3 Yogini** (28-1). 13 ran. nk; 2l/4l. K Thornton. T: €4.34; €1.60, €1.70, €10. Ex: €17.60. Tricast: €340. Trifecta: €251.80. CF: €17.12. NR: Cooley's Mist, Deralo Ir, Feud, Ragmans Corner.

6.30: 1 LOUGH LEANE A Browne-Souza (7-1); **2 Sweet Baby Zou** (3-1 fav); **3 Areana** (5-1). 14 ran. 2l/4l; 3l/4l. Maurice Ahern. T: €8.50; €2.80, €1.80, €2.50. Ex: €42.50. Tricast: €121.50. Trifecta: €258.20. CF: €28.68. NR: A Pretty Penny, Chestnut Palace, Good Man Jack.

7.00: 1 FLAGSTONE LADY Reese Holohan (5-2 fav); **2 No More Hiding** (7-2); **3 Miss Australie** (7-2). 13 ran. 2l/4l; 3l/4l. M O'Callaghan. T: €3.60; €1.60, €1.60, €1.70. Ex: €15.30. Tricast: €33.11. Trifecta: €44.20. CF: €12.16. NR: Jazz Forever, Lariat, Piatra Neamt, Premier Princess.

7.30: 1 DANCING STEVE S Coen (17-2); **2 Connecteo** (4-1 jtfav); **3 Acanto** (20-1). 12 ran (Spy 4-1 jtfav). 1/2l; 1l. A McGuinness. T: €9.50; €2.80, €1.80, €4.80. Ex: €43.70. Tricast: €686.90. Trifecta: €457.90. CF: €43.25. NR: Duleek Street, Haeret In Pectore, Idomything, Mullacurry Maid, Rio Doce.

PLACEPOT: €40.70

HAYDOCK

Going: Heavy

1.30: 1 ZIMMERMAN J Dickson (13-8 fav); **2 Cascade Hall** (8-1); **3 Gentle Warrior** (6-1). 8 ran. 1/2l; 6l/2l. T Easterby. T: £2.63; £1.20, £2.60, £1.80. Ex: £10.20. Tricast: £64.04. Trifecta: £66.80. CF: £16.04.

2.05: 1 GIRL SCOUT C Lee (9-4); **2 Princess Lottie** (11-4); **3 My Girl Dee Mo** (7-4 fav). 4 ran. shd; 3l. K R Burke. T: £3.25; Ex: £7. Trifecta: £16.20. CF: £8.47.

2.40: 1 ETONNANTE C Lee (1-2 fav); **2 Californian Angel** (11-1); **3 Marsala** (2-1). 4 ran. 1l/4l; 1l/4l. K R Burke. T: £1.50; Ex: £4.10. Trifecta: £5.10. CF: £6.96.

3.15: 1 KODI LION C Fallon (7-2 fav); **2 Lord Bertie** (5-1); **3 Never Just A Dream** (9-1). 14 ran. 3l; 2l/4l. M Appleby. T: £4.50; £2, £2.10, £4. Ex: £29.30. Tricast: £138.88. Trifecta: £215.60. CF: £20.48.

3.47: 1 BOSTON DAN D Allan (14-1); **2 Mighty Magnus** (9-1); **3 Changeofmind** (14-1). 11 ran (Jer Batt 11-4 fav). 1l/4l; nk. T Easterby. T: £18.30; £4.90, £3.50, £5.10. Ex: £232.30. Tricast: £1850.51. Trifecta: £3255.40. CF: £140.40. NR: Parisiac.

4.20: 1 HOMESTRAIT T Kiely-Marshall (9-2); **2 Only Dream Big** (16-1); **3 Cypriot Diaspora** (15-8 fav). 10 ran. 2l/4l; 1l/4l. B Ellison. T: £5.70; £2, £3.50, £1.30. Ex: £99. Tricast: £186.79. Trifecta: £267.40. CF: £76.70. NR: Imelda, Pickersgill.

4.53: 1 LIGHTNING TIGER C Rodriguez (8-1); **2 Lesrico** (3-1 fav); **3 Yokohama** (11-2). 12 ran. 3/4l; 1/4l. O Fellowes. T: £9; £2.70, £1.50, £2.30. Ex: £40.70. Tricast: £151.52. Trifecta: £248.70. CF: £33.67. NR: Blue Wonder.

PLACEPOT: £187.10

QUADPOT: £34.70

KILBEGGAN

Going: Good to yielding

4.07: 1 MINELLA CYCLONE J J Slevin (8-1); **2 Astelia** (5-2); **3 Glengarriff** (300-1). 13 ran (Dawn Coming evens fav). 4l/4l; 18l. J P Ryan. T: €9.60; €2, €1.20, €18.10. Ex: €33.30. Trifecta: €1091. CF: €29.78. NR: Ivatt, Neat As A Pin, Scotty Joe, Texas Red.

4.42: 1 MY TRUMP CARD A Harvey (20-1); **2 Hopeful Hero** (3-1); **3 Hopes Are High** (11-1). 9 ran (Cocofred 9-4 fav). 1/2l; 2l/4l. J McConnell. T: €24.20; €4.90, €1.50, €2.20. Ex: €154.80. Tricast: €727.06. Trifecta: €935.60. CF: €84.75. NR: Speisialta.

5.15: 1 BOO RADLEY Charlie O'Dwyer (6-1); **2 Speed For Fun** (4-6 fav); **3 Pretty Wild** (5-1). 9 ran. 6l; 1l. W P Mullins. T: €7; €1.40, €1.10, €1.90. Ex: €13.80. Trifecta: €31.50. CF: €11.35. NR: Charles The Bold, Returning Officer, The Iron Chef.

5.45: 1 SMALLCRAFTWARNING D King (18-1); **2 Cooladdi** (7-1); **3 Ilbdare** (16-1). 13 ran (Mighty Berkshire 10-3 fav). 2l/4l; nk. J P Ryan. T: €22.70; €5.60, €2.40, €5.20. Ex: €321.50. Tricast: €2115.33. Trifecta: Not won. CF: €147.64. NR: Sound Judgement.

6.15: 1 FOU DE TOI P Townend (2-1 fav); **2 Los Blanco** (11-4); **3 Siege Of Carthage** (4-1). 9 ran. 8l; 19l. W P Mullins. T: €3; €1.30, €1.30, €1.30. Ex: €9.50. Trifecta: €48.30. CF: €8.80. NR: Some Song.

6.45: 1 SOLDANTE K P Healy (11-2); **2 Butter Fingers** (12-1); **3 Watch The Weather** (8-1). 13 ran (Pinot Gris 3-1 fav). 1l/4l; 1/4l. Ciaran Murphy. T: €6.50; €1.80, €3.20, €2.80. Ex: €67.20. Tricast: €544.40. Trifecta: €459.70. CF: €71.84.

7.15: 1 BEGGER B Harvey (66-1); 4 ran (My Great Mate 4-6 fav). . William Harvey. T: €67; Ex: €19.90. Trifecta: €22.60. NR: Affinity Rock.

PLACEPOT: €226.60

KEMPTON

Going: Standard to slow

5.21: 1 SONTSIVKA M Ghiani (1-2 fav); **2 Hidden Beyond** (5-1); **3 Xochipilli** (5-1). 13 ran. 3/4l; nk. H Palmer. T: £1.50; £1.10, £1.50, £1.60. Ex: £5. Trifecta: £12.90. CF: £3.44. NR: Give Hand.

5.54: 1 ROGUE CRUSADER R Havlin (5-4 fav); **2 Peaberry** (15-2); **3 Celtic Storm** (3-1). 12 ran. 1/2l; 1l/4l. P Chapple-Hyam. T: £2.25; £1.30, £1.70, £1.30. Ex: £13.50. Trifecta: £34.80. CF: £12.70.

6.24: 1 GILDING THE LILY R Havlin (8-13 fav); **2 Star Mirage** (3-1); **3 River Nile** (4-1). 4 ran. 3/4l; 1l/2l. J & T Gosden. T: £1.62; Ex: £2.50. Trifecta: £3.40. CF: £2.80.

6.54: 1 ELAN D'OR M Ghiani (14-1); **2 Go Rimbaud** (2-1 fav); **3 Radiance** (50-1). 7 ran. 3/4l; nk. S C Williams. T: £15; £6.10, £2. Ex: £40. Trifecta: £599.70. CF: £43.69.

7.24: 1 SHIPLAKE David Egan (6-4 fav); **2 Winston's Warrior** (5-1); **3 Port Road** (40-1). 13 ran. 1l; 2l/4l. K P De Foy. T: £2.50; £1.20, £2.10, £10.50. Ex: £12.20. Tricast: £235.45. Trifecta: £329.80. CF: £8.86. NR: Philanthropist.

7.54: 1 PETER THE WOLF E Greatrex (5-2 fav); **2 Rage Of Thunder** (10-1); **3 Irish Nectar** (3-1). 7 ran. 1l/4l; nk. W Greatrex. T: £3.50; £1.90, £3.10. Ex: £17.30. Trifecta: £96.60. CF: £28.63.

8.24: 1 DIGGER ONE Josephine Gordon (7-1); **2 Must Believe** (7-2 jtfav); **3 Rogue Empire** (6-1). **3 Division Day** (10-1). 8 ran (Educator 7-2 jtfav). 1/2l; 1l/4l, dht. Kieran Burke. T: Digger One £8; Digger One £2.20, Must Believe £1.40, Rogue Empire £1.10, Division Day £1.50. Ex: Must Believe, Digger One £31.60. Tricast: Digger One, Must Believe, Rogue Empire £78.93, Digger One, Must Believe, Division Day £123.98. Trifecta: Digger One, Must Believe, Rogue Empire £92.90, Digger One, Must Believe, Division Day £121.80. CF: Digger One, Must Believe £32.38.

PLACEPOT: £11.90

QUADPOT: £9.50

WORCESTER

Going: Good

4.30: 1 DEXPERTS OPINION S Bowen (10-11 fav); **2 Jet Smart** (6-1); **3 Better Off Alone** (7-1). 6 ran. 1l/2l; 2l/2l. M Bowen. T: £1.91; £1.30, £2. Ex: £7. Trifecta: £38. CF: £7.32.

5.03: 1 HOLY LEGEND J Best (5-4 fav); **2 Boom Boom** (10-1); **3 Ballinoulart** (8-1). 6 ran. 7l; 1l. Alexandra Dunn. T: £2.25; £1.30, £2.70. Ex: £10.50. Trifecta: £77.10. CF: £13.47.

5.36: 1 DARK TIDE RISING K Woods (9-2); **2 Brave Lion** (5-4 fav); **3 Midnight Lexi** (17-2). 9 ran. 15l; 2l. T R George. T: £6.20; £1.40, £1.20, £2.40. Ex: £18.10. Trifecta: £105.50. CF: £10.52. NR: Spanish Darling.

6.06: 1 GALEFORCECHOPPER L Harrison (150-1); **2 Elated** (5-6 fav); **3 Jury Roses** (9-2). 9 ran. nk; 6l. D Brace. T: £151; £1.10, £1.40, £11.10. Ex: £316.80. Trifecta: £836.10. CF: £293.58. NR: Drakaris, Sky Blue Ribbon, Snow Is In The Sky.

6.36: 1 ZAFAAN H Bannister (4-1); **2 Tilehurst** (6-4 fav); **3 Emerald Time** (5-2). 6 ran. 3l; 2l. Charlie Clover. T: £5.60; £2, £1.50. Ex: £14.40. Trifecta: £33.10. CF: £11.09.

7.06: 1 THAT'S NICE H Cobden (9-2); **2 Handlethekettle** (9-4); **3 Harry** (7-1). 8 ran (Theatre Tom 2-1 fav). 3/4l; 10l. N Henderson. T: £5.50; £1.40, £1.50, £2. Ex: £9.90. Tricast: £69.71. Trifecta: £27. CF: £15.47.

7.36: 1 JULLOU DE GRISSAY G Sheehan (4-1); **2 Sonyourastar** (3-1 fav); **3 Bound For Glory** (9-1). 10 ran. ns; 3l. C Longsdon. T: £5; £2, £1.10, £2.90. Ex: £23.40. Tricast: £103.26. Trifecta: £120.10. CF: £16.43. NR: Fane Court.

PLACEPOT: £13.70

QUADPOT: £5.20

GREYHOUND ROUND-UP WITH CHRIS OLIVER

HOLLIE looks Bang On at Monmore today.

After finishing a good second on the downgrade, **BANG ON HOLLIE** (6) can go one better in the A6 at 1.51.

Nathan Hunt's bitch stayed on well after early crowding that day and a repeat of that 4.41 sectional should see her lead up this time.

She has a lovely make-up outside a vacant trap and looks set for a big run.

WESTWAY KAI (2) can continue his progress in the A8 at 1.33.

The lightly-raced puppy has won twice already and found only one too good when blazing a trail last time.

The Brian Thompson-trained dog can steal a march on his rivals again and may not be for catching this time.

All eyes are on Dunstall Park this evening as the ARC Birmingham Cup and the PGR St Leger get under way.

In the latter event, **NEWINN JOLIE** (4) is expected to dominate from the front again at 9.18.

And in the Birmingham Cup, **SIGNET NAYLA** (5) could reverse last week's form with Headford Dane at 7.18.

■OLIVER'S ARMY: Westway Kai (T2, 1.33 Monmore); Bang On Hollie (T6, 1.51 Monmore); Signet Nayla (T5, 7.18 Dunstall Park); Newinn Jolie (T4, 9.18 Dunstall Park)

SELECTIONS

■MONMORE: 11.01 Aero Storm (6-1-2) 11.18 Cazzers Ade (4-1-5) 11.34 Dashgrove Posh (nap) (1-6-4) 11.52 Bogger Una (2-5-4) 12.09 Bonita Moon (3-1-5) 12.26 Tommys Luna (2-3-4) 12.42 Tommys Grace (2-6-4) 12.59 Alone All Alone (6-4-1) 1.17 Aero Superstar (nb) (6-5-2) 1.33 Westway Kai (2-4-3) 1.51 Aero Ella (3-6-2) 2.07 Anglesey Prince (3-4-6)

■ROMFORD: 11.09 Coolanga Junior (nap) (5-3-4) 11.27 Kingdom Galaxy (4-1-3) 11.43 Bingo Tina (1-2-5) 12.01 Droopys Maybe (2-4-5) 12.18 Whizzy Dot (2-3-1) 12.34 Langston Lucky (6-2-3) 12.51 Velvet Kaela (2-1-6) 1.08 Cofam Bob (2-3-4) 1.26 Showmetheclock (nb) (2-1-6) 1.42 Bacon Hotpot (2-1-4) 1.59 Rural Bluey (2-6-5) 2.14 Alans Amigo (2-1-5)

■NEWCASTLE: 2.28 Brickkiln Matty (1-2-6) 2.48 Chasing Aine (5-2-1) 3.08 Dryland Velvet (nap) (5-2-1) 3.28 Mossend Dan (3-5-6) 3.48 Droopys Trigger (nb) (4-1-5) 4.08 Emers Tyson (3-5-6) 4.28 Alnwick Queen (2-1-4) 4.48 Canny Smiler (3-5-2) 5.08 Ballymac Fearne (2-4-3) 5.24 Coppice Sioux (4-6-3) 5.43 Under The Skin (4-3-6) 6.01 Wraysbury Silver (4-1-2)

■DUNSTALL PARK: 6.20 Amys Star (6-4-5) 6.38 Blackstone Benny (1-2-5) 6.58 Skyfall Khan (5-3-1) 7.18 Headford Dane (1-2-3) 7.38 Patriot Game (6-3-4) 7.58 Radical Story (4-3-2) 8.18 Kranky Drake (6-3-5) 8.38 Strideon Clara (1-4-5) 8.58 Vhagar (nap) (4-3-6) 9.18 Droopys Rhona (nb) (5-3-4) 9.38 Alright Bullet (1-5-4) 9.54 Grouchos Gregor (3-5-4)

RETURNS

■HOVE: 11.01 Elite Wilson 2-7f (1-4-2 BAGS F £3.33 TC £12.81). 11.18 Drive On Annie 3-1 (6-1-4 £12.13 TC £65.12). 11.34 Punk Rock Puff 6-1 (4-1-2 £23.41 TC £70.87). 11.52 Mad Mouse 7-2 (3-4-5 £34.07 TC £97.41). 12.09 Amys Onthe Run 11-4 (6-1-4 £21.69). 12.26 Bluestar Beauty 4-1 (3-6-4 £24.87). 12.42 Luna Outof Orbit 5-1 (2-1-6 £18.20 TC £50.94). 12.59 Letter Eileen 9-4 (2-6-1 £12.06 TC £64.88). 1.17 Montaltо Mist 4-1 (4-3-5 £14.11). 1.33 Race Void. 1.51 Emers Dasha 7-4f (5-1-6 £13.58 TC £26.81). 2.07 Kerrs Alive 6-4f (1-6-4 £4.50).

■CENTRAL PARK: 11.09 Earls Rosie 8-11f (6-3-5 BAGS F £8.32 TC £16.26). 11.27 Hollyoak Siobhan 9-1 (2-4-5 £74.46). 11.43 Devon Dolly 6-1 (6-5-2 £29.37). 12.01 Hollyoak Mercury 9-2 (2-1-3 £17.61). 12.18 Blazeaway Noir 5-2 (6-5-2 £8.29). 12.34 Beach Party 3-1 (5-3-1 £21.64). 12.51 Darley Devaletta 6-1 (5-2-3 £26.46 TC £83.80). 1.08 Earls Ruby 8-1 (4-3-1 £57.96 TC £137.33). 1.26 Pearces Bluebell 4-1 (3-1-6 £27.56). 1.42 Swift Quail Evensf (5-2-3 £8.72). 1.59 Hollyoak Sophia 2-1f (3-5-6 £12.06). 2.14 Frankton Flame 11-4 (2-1-6 £17.29).

■KINSLEY: 2.29 Ardsallagh Lady 7-4f (4-5-3 BAGS F £8.36 TC £25.09). 2.48 Alno Duke 4-1 (6-1-2 £14.03). 3.07 Deecee Gracie 5-1 (2-1-6 £12.12). 3.26 Da Maureens Star 4-1 (5-4-1 £16.50 TC £38.50). 3.44 Russian Doctor 5-4f (3-5-6 £12.31). 4.03 Sporting Buchan 2-1 (5-1-2 £6.92). 4.22 Cactus Closedown 9-4jt (5-1-4 £8.74). 4.41 Lightfoot Elle 11-4 (4-5-2 £16.82 TC £66.06). 4.59 Swift Paulina 16-1 (6-5-4 £69.35

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I won't throw-in the towel

DELAP GETS OVER 'ROCKY' SPELL WITH DAD'S HELP

By GRAHAM HILL

LIAM DELAP admits his horror season at Chelsea might actually be one of the best things that has happened to him.

Delap sealed a club record £50million move to Nottingham Forest last week and could make his full debut in today's City Ground clash with Tottenham.

The 23-year-old striker netted only one Prem goal for the Blues last season following a £30m move from Ipswich.

And this summer he lost his No 9 shirt to Joao Pedro and was sent to train away from the first team with the 'bomb squad'.

Delap called that a "rocky" spell but refuses to throw in the towel – and he has a throw-in expert, his dad and former Stoke star Rory, to help him.

He channelled his old man last Saturday as his quick throw-in against Liverpool led to Forest's controversial penalty in the 2-2 draw.

Delap, who started his career at Manchester City, said: "You just have to accept sometimes things go badly.

"But I don't think anything's lost – it might be a good thing. Among my first

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NOTT DONE YET . . . Delap's quick throw (above) led to Forest's penalty at Anfield as he bounces back from Chelsea shocker (left)

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PREMIER LEAGUE

TODAY'S FIXTURES

(3pm unless stated)

- Brentford v Sunderland
- Brighton v Leeds
- Fulham v Crystal Palace
- Hull v Aston Villa (5.30pm)
- Manchester City v Coventry
- Newcastle v Bournemouth (12.30pm)
- Nottingham Forest v Tottenham

TOMORROW

- Arsenal v Chelsea (4.30pm)
- Everton v Man United (2pm)

GLAS HALF FULL

OLIVER GLASNER led Crystal Palace to a 12-match unbeaten run between April and September last year — but since the start of October, only Scott Parker, then of relegated Burnley, has lost more Prem games.

The Austrian has lost 16 clashes — 15 of them with his old club.

MOST PREM BOSS LOSSES SINCE OCTOBER 1

Scott Parker	18
OLIVER GLASNER	16
Eddie Howe	15
Nuno Espirito Santo	15
Rob Edwards	15
Marco Silva	14
David Moyes	13
Fabian Hurzeler	12
Regis Le Bris	12

FOREST'S Morgan Gibbs-White is the Prem's top scorer in 2026 so far with 13 goals — with four assists too, only Manchester United's Bruno Fernandes (22) has more goal involvements than the ex-Wolves star.

SPURS ARE IN THE MUD

RDZ has no plan after huge spend

MORE than £300million spent, 54 comings and goings, no points, no goals and no clear plan.

After all the early summer optimism, Tottenham look like a bit of a mess once again.

If you are struggling to decide whether Spurs have had a brilliant transfer window or simply thrown heaps of money at a problem, there is an easy solution.

Deadline day finished with them signing Tosin Adarabioyo and Mykhailo Mudryk from Chelsea.

And would that have been in any master plan? Of course not.

Tosin gets a bit of flak for being signed largely for his personality but he has had a great career.

Though his arrival still does not inspire much, especially given that Spurs have lost Cristian Romero.

Hundreds of millions have been spent but no one can still answer the simple question of who is going to score Tottenham ten goals this season? To fork out that much money, on that many players, and not be able to confidently state someone will hit that number is troubling.

All the talk around Roberto De Zerbi's side is how good they could be if everyone is available and in form — never a good place to be at that cost.

It is just like when they had Ledley King at the back.

Everyone would wonder just how good it would be when they could get 20 games a season out of the defender at least. Now De Zerbi is looking after a squad where around half of the players are in that same King boat.

The picture is not good after a messy end to the summer. There was a long chase for Cody Gakpo and Iliman Ndiaye was all but done before, somehow, ending up at Manchester City.

Ndiaye would have been a great addition. I played against him when he was at Sheffield United and he always stood out.

The move to Manchester is his biggest jump, so there will still be questions.

But he is a very brave player and on a

Troy Deeney

OUR COLUMNISTS ARE THE TALK OF FOOTBALL

DELAP

From Page 1

loans were at Stoke and Preston. They didn't go well and it was one of the best things that happened.

"I learned so much from those spells — but then I went to Hull and it kicked on from there.

"You have bad times and it's never going to be linear or straight to the top.

"Everyone has a rocky patch and I'm still young, I've still got a lot of learning to do.

"Mentally, I'm strong and I've got really good people around me.

"If you dwell on it and be in a bad mood, there's no point — as it might just carry on. You have to keep your head.

"The season before at Ipswich, I got into a really good rhythm, so it's about getting back to that."

And Delap reckons his family life will always get him through the bad times.

As well as his dad, 21-year-old younger brother Finn plays for League One side Burton.

Delap added: "My dad's been a massive part of my life, he knows what it takes.

"He was hard and tough on me and my brother but if I have questions, he's always helpful as he's been there and done it."

At Anfield last week, sub Delap's throw-in led to Morgan Gibbs-White's penalty after keeper Alisson fouled Neco Williams.

Delap said: "There are so many different aspects of football, set pieces and throw ins are massive as well.

"Neco (Williams) made the run, if he doesn't... and we've got a penalty out of it."

It was a performance that mirrored Delap's attitude, something he picked up as a youngster at City, playing alongside Cole Palmer, Morgan Rogers and his new Forest team-mate James McAtee.

Delap added: "When we were young at City, we had such an incredible team.

"It was just really good. Everyone was so competitive.

"They had that winning mentality and if we didn't win, we would all be fuming.

"It probably instilled that into us at an early stage.

"And it's worked. They've all now gone on to do different things, the lads are everywhere and doing well.

"I've always had that hunger and fire in my belly — it's not something you can take out of someone."

And Delap admitted he will not be afraid to stand his ground against defenders.

He added: "It goes back to being with my brother in the garden, just going at each other.

"Sometimes you need to control it and you need to be careful but I play best when I'm on that edge of just being . . . horrible.

"If someone says something to me, I'll say something back!"

whole different level to Mudryk. Spurs have gone from nearly landing either Gakpo or Ndiaye to now having to sit back and watch City and Liverpool – who have since added Bradley Barcola – become stronger.

Opponents appear stronger and, because of that whole mess, Richarlison is still at Spurs and absolutely raging.

My former team-mate has always been a character but De Zerbi has said he only wanted players around the place as long as they were fully committed.

Richarlison being left out of the Premier League squad certainly underlined that.

Mudryk is a whole different story.

He may have done well under De Zerbi at Shakhtar Donetsk, but that was some years ago now. And, as we all know, he has been banned for the past 18 months.

That isn't just missing games due to injury or a crisis of form, he has not even been able to train with Chelsea's squad. All alone for almost two years.

We can see he is rapid and in great physical shape – he clearly looks after himself – but the Ukrainian has not been getting any reps in when it comes to being match-ready.

The concern isn't that he won't be able to hack it in matches, just training day in, day out could be a struggle.

Tottenham's big bet is that De Zerbi, who touted him as a future Ballon d'Or winner, can return Mudryk to his pre-ban best. It is quite the gamble.

That is not the only thing they have risked on the Italian. De Zerbi made big requests this summer in terms of spending and they have all been delivered.

There is nowhere for him to hide. You can't blame the ownership as Daniel Levy is not there now. You can't blame the lack of spending.

They are not going to blame the players as you ultimately need them to perform.

So the only person who is liable to get the chop is the manager.

AXE MAN . . . De Zerbi ditched Richarlison (left) from Prem squad

QUESTION OF Sun SPORT

Compiled by Russell Lanning

MISSING LINKS

TOTTENHAM won 2-0 at Forest in the Prem almost four years to the day.
But who are the missing players from these teams?

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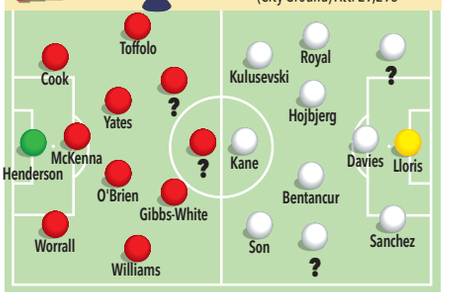
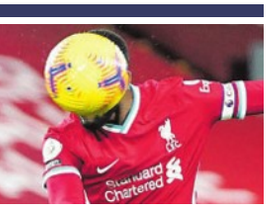
NOTTINGHAM FOREST ... (0) 0

TOTTENHAM ..... (1) 2
Kane 5, 81
(City Ground) Att: 29,296



BALLPARK FIGURE

Who is this former Liverpool player obstructed by the ball in 2021?



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YA....

25 today, but who is our mystery birthday boy?

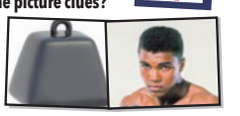
Clue 1: I went to the same school as Paul Merson - and have followed him through the system at Arsenal.

Clue 2: I was the fourth youngest player to win 50 caps for England - but was bumped down to fifth on that list during the World Cup..

Clue 3: Later at the World Cup, I became just the fourth England player to net a hat-trick in a World Cup finals.

PIC 'N MIX

Can you work out our Premier League midfielder by the picture clues?



Sun FUN

WITH BBC axing winter sport show Ski Sunday after nearly 50 years, here is our tribute to the programme.

SKI SUNDAY XI

MANAGER: Attilo SlaLombardo

ANSWERS: MISSING LINKS: Forest: Brennan Johnson/Jesse Lingard. Spurs: Eric Dier/Ivan Perisic. **BALLPARK FIGURE:** Georginio Wijnaldum. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YA:** Bukayo Saka. **PIC 'N MIX:** Sandro Tonali.

REWIND

SEP 4 1996

30 YEARS AGO

By JOHN HARTSON

PREMIERSHIP

ARSENAL (1) 3
Merson 44, Keown 64
Wright 77

CHELSEA (2) 3
Leboeuf 6 (pen), Vialli 30
Wise 90

(Highbury) **Att: 38,132**

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From the Hart

SCRAPPY DAYS . . . Hartson battles Erland Johnsen in Highbury clash

THE RUUD AWAKENING
Gullit's left gasping by gritty Gunners

GUNNER GET YA . . . Merson scored Arsenal's first and how SunSport covered the game (left)

FORMER striker JOHN HARTSON takes us on a trip down memory lane to 1996 and a six-goal thriller between Arsenal and Chelsea at the Gunners' old Highbury.

His two old rivals face each other tomorrow with the Emirates now the host venue.

Hartson, 51, made 502 appearances for eight teams, scoring 205 goals.

He proudly represented Wales — earning 51 caps and netting 14 times.

I'VE had to have a double take to see that this classic London derby was THIRTY years old this week — 15 years, yes, but 30!

It wasn't until I took a glance at the two teams in this fixture at Highbury to see the enormity of how the Premier League was developing at that time as a global brand.

In Dennis Bergkamp, we had arguably the most technically gifted player to grace the English top flight.

But there were so many other stars on the pitch — Ian Wright, Paul Merson and for Chelsea the likes of Gianluca Vialli, Frank Leboeuf, Roberto Di Matteo plus my own great Wales team-mate Mark Hughes.

There was just no one better at holding a ball up with his back to goal and bringing others into play than Sparky.

He was good in the air and sublime with the ball at his feet. Some of the worldies he scored were off the scale.

This match at Highbury had everything. We trailed 2-0, got a key goal back from Merse just before the interval and then had the momentum after the break to equalise and go in front.

Yet the wily Dennis Wise then levelled in the last minute for the Blues.

It's not often I get to talk about an old game and this time in my playing career.

I have nothing but golden memories of my two years playing for Arsenal among many outstanding players.

It's amazing that so many of my Gunners team-mates are now working in the media — like Wrighty, Merse, Alan Smith, Lee Dixon and Ray Parlour.

The strange thing is we all have our own lives away from the game and are rarely in touch. But then I'll be working for Sky and Wrighty will be there and it's like time has stood still.

We'll have a hug, ask each other about our families and we'll be chatting for ages before one of the TV production staff comes over and says we are on in two minutes!

It may have been three decades ago, but there was an incredible camaraderie and friendship that I believe will live with us all forever.

It's a lifelong bond and something with all of them that remains dear to me. I will never forget how fast things moved when I joined Arsenal in 1995.

We were having our usual training session at Luton getting ready for a game at Barnsley on the Saturday.

The next thing, I was told to go and see manager David Pleat. He said I should stop what I was doing, take a shower and shave and get a suit on because George Graham had been on and Arsenal wanted to sign me.

I was only 19 at the time. Pleaty said the £2.5million fee would make me the most expensive teenager in English football.

But, more importantly, that sort of money for a club like Luton would be a lifesaver.

In what seemed like no time, I was dressed and in David's car heading down the A1 to London and the Holloway Road.

I was soon introduced to George, chairman Ken Friar and vice-chair David Dein in the marbled halls of Highbury.

George then whisked me upstairs to one of the lounges where he took me out to view the magnificent Highbury pitch.

I'll never forget, he said to me: "If we can get your paperwork sorted as quickly as possible, you'll be playing out there tomorrow.

"Ian Wright will love playing alongside you."

And that was it. Before I knew it, the next day I rolled up and played against Everton, who had Duncan Ferguson in their side.

I remember it well because he was red-carded in the game — we drew the match 1-1 with Wrighty scoring for us. I had to pinch myself that in 48 hours I was suddenly on Match of the Day playing for Arsenal!

A week later, I scored the winner in my first away game in a 1-0 victory at Coventry.

Arsene Wenger became manager by the end of September 1996.

I moved to West Ham five months later.

Arsene wanted to keep me but I was fully aware of his dilemma when he had the attacking combo of Wrighty and Dennis.

Nicolas Anelka then arrived on the scene, soon followed by club legend Thierry Henry as a golden era began at Highbury, with title wins in 1997-98, 2001-02 and the Invincible year of 2003-04.

Interview: RUSSELL LANNING

HOW PREM TABLE LOOKED ON SEP 4, 1996

Pos	Team	Pld	GD	Pts
1	Sheff Wed (7)	4	+5	12
2	Aston Villa (5)	4	+3	9
3	CHELSEA (6)	4	+3	8
4	Liverpool (4)	4	+3	8
5	ARSENAL (3)	4	+2	7
6	Leeds (11)	4	0	7
7	Man Utd (1)	4	+3	6
8	Newcastle (2)	4	0	6
9	Middlesbrough (19)	4	+3	6
10	Sunderland (18)	4	+2	5
11	Everton (15)	4	+1	5
12	Tottenham (10)	4	+1	5
13	Nottm Forest (20)	4	0	5
14	Leicester (9)	4	-2	4
15	West Ham (14)	4	-4	4
16	Derby (12)	4	-2	3
17	Wimbledon (8)	4	-5	3
18	Southampton (16)	4	-2	2
19	Blackburn (13)	4	-4	1
20	Coventry (17)	4	-6	1

(Final positions in brackets)

PREM RESULTS

MONDAY, SEP 2, 1996

SHEFF WED (2) 2 — Booth 1, Humphreys 25
LEICESTER (1) 1 — Claridge 28
(Hillsborough, 17,657)

WEDNESDAY, SEP 4, 1996

ARSENAL (1) 3 — Merson 44, Keown 64, Wright 77
CHELSEA (2) 3 — Leboeuf 6 (pen), Vialli 30, Wise 90
(Highbury, 38,132)

BLACKBURN (0) 0
LEEDS (1) 1 — Harte 40
(Ewood Park, 23,226)

COVENTRY (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (0) 1 — Babb 68
(Highfield Road, 23,021)

DERBY (1) 1 — Laursen 25
MAN UTD (1) 1 — Beckham 38
(Baseball Ground, 18,026)

EVERTON (0) 0
ASTON VILLA (0) 1 — Ehiogu 62
(Goodison, 39,115)

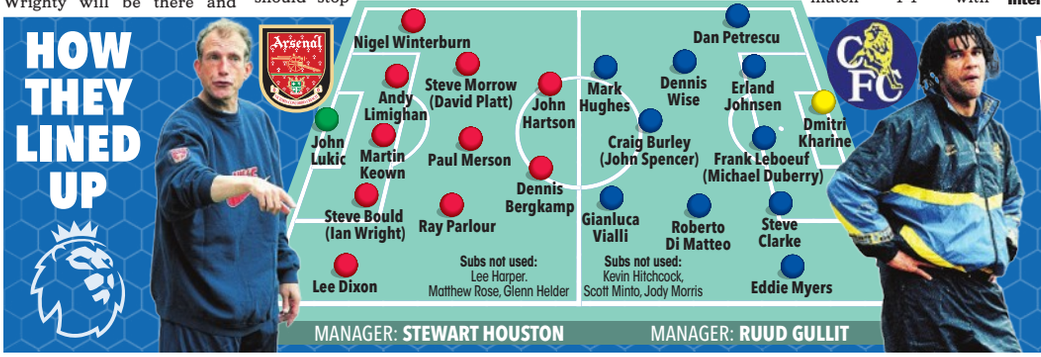
MIDDLESBRO (2) 4 — Emerson 12, Mustoe 28, Ravenelli 52, Stamp 81
WEST HAM (0) 1 — Hughes 57
(Riverside, 30,060)

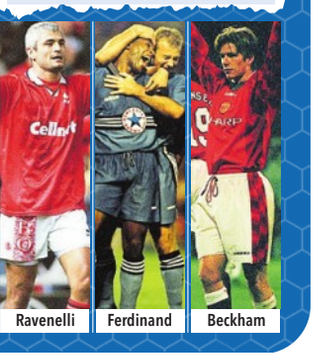
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 2 — Dryden 53, Le Tissier 89
NOTTM FOREST (2) 2 — Campbell 4, Saunders 23
(The Dell, 14,450)

SUNDERLAND (1) 1 — Scott 19 (pen)
NEWCASTLE (0) 2 — Beardsley 52, Ferdinand 62
(Roker Park, 22,037)

WIMBLEDON (1) 1 — Earle 3
TOTTENHAM (0) 0
(Selhurst Park, 17,506)

HOW THEY LINED UP





PROMISED LAND

David's incredible journey to Prem

GULL-IVER'S TRAVELS . . . globetrotting striker Promise David arrived at Brighton on loan

Brighton v Leeds
3pm

By DAN KING

PROMISE DAVID was a football backpacker in Europe when his life changed forever.

And even then, Brighton's on-loan Canada striker thought it was a scam.

David left home at 18 to join the academy of Croatian club Trnje and had a colourful journey via the USA and Malta to Estonian side Nomme Kalju.

Where, in 2024, a phone message stopped him in his tracks.

David, 25, said: "I was backpacking, having fun playing football through Europe, and seeing where things would take me next.

"I couldn't stay long term anywhere and I just kept packing my bags and moving on, not really thinking what would come of it. Just thinking about my next meal.

"It got a bit more serious in Estonia. Then I found a really good place. Actually, I didn't find a good place. A good place found me."

That place was Union Saint-Gilloise, Brighton's sister club in Belgium which has access to the same recruitment tools which remain the envy of football.

David added: "They've got a great data scout system, that's all I can say. They picked me out of thin air but they said they had been monitoring me for a while.

"At first, I thought it was spam, like a scam. Because if you're playing third division in Estonia, you don't expect a team playing Europa League to call your phone.

"It was a notification. Me and my agent at the time both saw it and I was like, 'Nah, it's not that'.

"And then we sat on a Zoom call and I said: 'Oh s**t, it's them'.

"They gave me a whole pitch but I said 'yes' before the pitch. It's like sitting in a job interview and you've already accepted the job.

"Two weeks later, I was in Belgium having the time of my life."

David hit 19 goals in 34 league appearances in his debut season in 2024-25, firing Union to a first Belgian title for **90 YEARS**.

During the campaign, the former Nigeria youth international switched allegiance from his parents' birthplace to his own, Canada.

And after injury prevented him playing in Union's Belgian Cup triumph, he found himself playing at a home World Cup.

David made four substitute appearances, scoring in the group game against Switzerland, as Jesse Marsch guided Canada into the knockout stage for the first time.

The 6ft 5in centre-forward said: "I got injured in February, I was out for three months. Then your first game back is the World Cup game, in your home country.

"It was a great experience. Every game, I think, we broke records."

David, who has joined Brighton on a season-long loan with a conditional obligation to buy for £22million, said: "I think for the first three years, I had my dad's credit card, so I was scraping by.

"They've been pretty ecstatic for the rise. The fact I was able to join the national team, play in the World Cup, all that stuff . . . they're just enjoying the ride."

David made his Brighton debut as sub in the 4-3 defeat at Chelsea, who bought centre-forward Danny Welbeck from the Seagulls over the summer.

The Canadian, whose side host Leeds today, said: "Same game I was playing four years ago, just different stadium, different opponents. I'm pretty good in the box.

"I'm just hoping to bring goals. I think I'm a very unique player."

With a very unique story.

STRONG START . . . new boy Dedic

Dedic is right fit for Toon

Newcastle v B'mouth
12.30pm, TNT SPORTS & talkSPORT

By GARY STONEHOUSE

AMAR DEDIC is the ideal man to replace Kieran Trippier at Newcastle, according to fellow Bosnian Asmir Begovic.

One of ex-goalkeeper Begovic's old clubs Bournemouth head to St James' Park today looking to end Toon's unbeaten start.

Right-back Dedic, 24, has been one of the key men behind the bright start under new Magpies boss Matthias Jaissle.

The £30million Newcastle paid Benfica to reunite Dedic with his old RB Salzburg coach Jaissle looks money well spent as he has provided three assists in his opening three games.

Trippier, 35, left the Magpies for Wolves in the summer.

Begovic, who kept 56 clean sheets in 256 Prem appearances, said: "Amar is very talented.

"Having come through the Red Bull system at Salzburg, gone to Benfica and now arrived at Newcastle, he is a great addition.

"As a Bosnian player he has great competitiveness, desire, and athleticism. He is comfortable both at full-back and a wing-back.

"He is a really smart signing and offers good value as well.

"The fact he has played for the manager before makes it much easier for him to settle in quickly as he already understands the manager's demands.

"Transitioning to the Premier League is a big jump in pace and power, so having that familiarity with the manager has helped.

"He will be a great player for them for many years to come."

Toon yesterday confirmed the signing of Guinea midfielder Ousmane Diabate, 18, from Turkish club Genclerbirligi Ankara.

Marcing his path

MARCO ROSE feels Bournemouth are on the "right" path — despite gaining only one point from their first two Premier League games.

The Cherries suffered an opening 2-1 loss after Manchester City pinched victory in added time.

And they were held 1-1 last Saturday when visitors Everton levelled in stoppage time.

New boss Rose, 49, takes his side to Newcastle today and said: "We might have six points, we should have four but we have just one.

"It is disappointing but I see we were always close. We are not happy but I'm quite convinced we are on the right way."

Toon chief Matthias Jaissle and Rose have both bossed RB Salzburg.

Rose said: "He's brought his idea quickly, they're in a good spot."

BIJOL HUNGER GAMES

JAKA BIJOL claims Leeds "really strong squad" want "something bigger" than just survival.

By GARY STONEHOUSE

Daniel Farke led the Whites to a comfortable 14th-place finish and the FA Cup semi-finals last season following promotion.

Leeds strengthened with seven summer signings, including a club-record £40million swoop for Manchester City keeper James Trafford and £34.1m Bosnian defender Tarik Muharemovic.

And they wrapped up their business by bringing in left-winger Jean-Matteo Bahoya on loan, the fastest player in Bundesliga history, on deadline day from Eintracht Frankfurt. Ahead of the trip to Brighton, Slovenian defender Bijol, 27, displayed his hunger by saying: "We have a really strong squad this season. We have found some improvements, bought some new players in and they raised our level a little.

"We have to aim high but, like I say, our first focus is still to stay in the Premier League.

"But, we have a really good squad to aim for something bigger as well."

Leeds ended up with a net spend of around £62m during the summer after key sales – including fan favourite Pascal Struijk's move to today's opponents Brighton for an initial £15m fee.

They have begun their second season back in the top flight with four points from two games.

While hopes are high for a European push, the experienced Bijol still called for supporters to remain realistic.

He added: "We've had a really good start. We can be happy with our start but we still have a long way to go.

"The focus is to get as many points as we can and then, when the end period of the season comes, we can really set ourselves some goals."

ACTION PLAN . . . Leeds' Jaka Bijol

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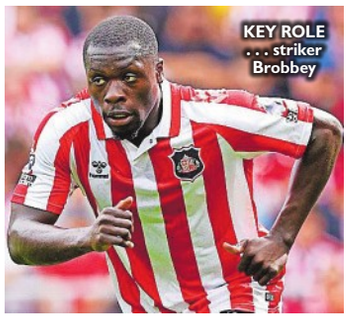
McBURNIE'S SCOT THE LOT, SAYS HULL LEGEND WINDASS

FEELING THE BURN . . . McBurnie roughed up the Sky Blues last week



KEY ROLE . . . striker Brobbey

Regis: Cats fight is OK

By COLIN YOUNG

BRIAN BROBBEY and Wilson Isidor are working in perfect harmony — without even playing together.

The pals are fighting for the sole striker's spot at Sunderland and boss Regis Le Bris is convinced their bond has persuaded them to stay on Wearside.

Brobbey's seven goals and Isidor's half-dozen helped the Black Cats' surprise Europa League qualification last term in their first Prem season since 2017.

And they followed up with impressive displays at the World Cup, with Brobbey scoring three times for Holland and Isidor bagging one for Haiti.

This summer Sunderland snubbed interest from Italians Como in one-time Manchester United target Brobbey, 24, and told West Ham 26-year-old Isidor was not for sale when they came sniffing.

Le Bris, 50, said: "Brian and Wilson, they are perfect. They know one will start and one will finish and it's a team.

"They're in competition for one place but they're team-mates for the win. They respect each other, which helps.

"It's my job to manage both, to create the condition to have them in their best profiles, forms and conditions.

"For Wilson, it was important to sit down with him, his family and his agent. This season, there's game time ahead.

"It's a really good club and he likes the atmosphere in the stadium and squad.

"At the end of that conversation, we agreed it was a good move to stay."

They're the Bees knees

Brentford v Sunderland

3pm

KEITH ANDREWS warned of the dangers Sunderland can pose ahead of their Premier League meeting today.

Brentford are unbeaten following their opening two games, while Regis Le Bris' Black Cats picked up their first win last weekend by beating Fulham 1-0.

Bees boss Andrews said: "What Sunderland did last year after being promoted was pretty remarkable — it tells you exactly what they are about.

"They've got a coach that organises them very diligently and can cause you problems in different ways. We need to be ready for that."

Andrews also revealed midfielder Mathias Jensen, 30, will be absent.

He added: "He'll miss this week and possibly next week. It's nothing serious."

EXCLUSIVE by GARY STONEHOUSE

FORGET "false nine st" — Dean Windass says throwback striker Oli McBurnie is exactly what Hull need to survive.**

Scottish star McBurnie wrote his name in Tigers folklore with a last-ditch play-off final winner *(left)* against Middlesbrough to send them back to the Prem.

And his magic moment came 18 years after hometown hero Deano's own Wembley heroics against Bristol City.

The previous summer, McBurnie had been released by Spanish side Las Palmas and was searching for the ninth club of his career.

Nine months and 19 goals later and — just like Windass — his chapter in Hull's history books was secure.

Yet the 30-year-old's Humberside fairytale is far from over.

McBurnie is yet to get off the mark in the top flight. But he left Manchester United and Coventry's defences battered and bruised, playing every minute of his side's two victories.

Hull v Aston Villa

5.30pm, sky sports

Windass — at the MKM Stadium later today — knows whatever the result, Aston Villa's defenders face a nightmare against Sergej Jakirovic's tireless No 9.

The retired striker, 57, scored top-flight goals for Bradford and Boro.

And he said: "You don't get old-fashioned Alan Shearer, Duncan Ferguson, Dean Windass-type forwards today.

"Now they're playing all this f***ing false nine s**t. But the manager knows what he is and Oli knows what he is.

"I'm not saying he's the world's greatest player but he puts himself about.

"I always used to say, if I'm not going to have a good game, then I'm going to make sure the two centre-halves are not going to have a good game. And that's what he does."

Despite **EIGHTEEN** new signings, 6ft 2in McBurnie is still Hull's talisman. And even if he fails to reproduce his goal output in the Prem, Windass says he can help keep them up in other ways.

He said: "I know him. I played golf with him when he was available on a free transfer. He didn't know where he was going and then Hull came around.

"He scored 19 and had a good season in the Championship. The one thing you'll get from Oli is commitment.

"It's a different kettle of fish in the Premier League. Oli's going to get very frustrated, he's going to be working his socks off and he's not going to get any benefits from it in some games.

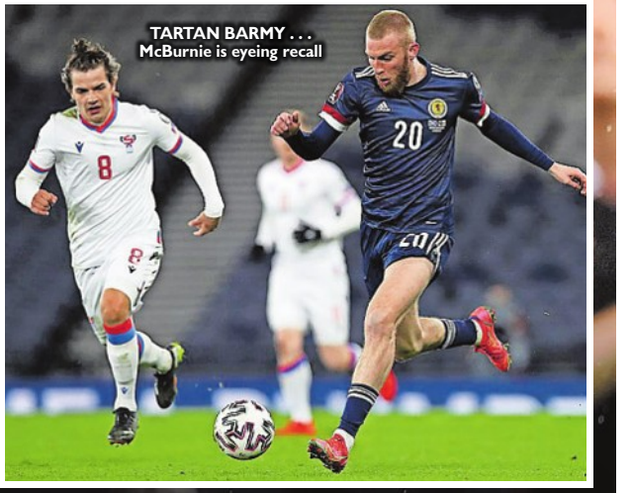
"But that is the Premier League and he'll have to be patient — chances are not going to come like they used to in the Championship.

"Now he's in a different environment

the Tiger

OLI GOSH . . . he fires Hull back to Prem with play-off final winner

HERO SHIFT . . . Windass fires Tigers into top flight in 2008



TARTAN BARMY . . . McBurnie is eyeing recall

playing in a team who are going to be underdogs every week. It's going to be a tough season for Hull and Oli. But they've had a great start against United and Coventry and he'll inspire others."

While McBurnie towers above most people, he is dwarfed by 6ft 4in boss Jakirovic. And Windass reckons the big Bosnian is ideal to ensure the Scot shoots them to safety.

He added: "I've not really met the bloke but he's a big man! If he speaks then you'll listen and he's not afraid.

"Listen, it's going to be a hard season for all three of the promoted clubs but you've got six points on the board.

"The owner has backed the manager with £135million but is that enough? For me, as a Hull fan now – not as a footballer – if you finish fourth from bottom, it's an unbelievable season."

He may have lots of new toys to play with after their splurge but McBurnie is one of Jakirovic's favourites.

Owner Acun Ilicali loves him, too, and rewarded the ex-Sheffield United man with a new three-year contract this week. Despite the love-in on Humberside, 16-cap McBurnie still failed to win over Steve Clarke and was left out of Scotland's World Cup squad.

But with Sebastien Pocognoli now at the helm of the Tartan Army, Jakirovic is convinced his centre-forward will get a chance to reignite his international career this month.

The Tigers chief said: "He already deserved the World Cup as he scored and had great numbers, statistics. He's a leader without a captain's armband. I expect he'll get a Scottish invitation."

One man who did shine at the World Cup was Hull's new £10m centre-back Lucas Herrington, 18.

And on McBurnie, the Aussie said: "He's a bit of a pest in training, so I'm glad he's on my team.

"He's a great player and to have him in training, giving me a bit of stick and making it tough, is great for me.

"We have a lot of good battles. He does a lot for the team."

Unai cries: 'Era we go'

UNAI EMERY has heralded a "new era" for Aston Villa.

A new-look Villa go to Hull bidding for their first points this season.

Fresh faces have replaced six key departures in the transfer window.

And boss Emery said: "This is a new era and a new challenge for us.

"At the end of the transfer window, the squad was clear.

"Now they must follow the messages we are sending every day.

"We are in the process of building our new project — we must build the spirit again."

INITIALLY SPEAKING

PLAYERS WHO HAVE PLAYED FOR EVERTON & MANCHESTER UNITED IN PREM

EVERTON host Manchester United in the Prem tomorrow afternoon at the Hill Dickinson Stadium. But can you work out the 17 players who have played for the two clubs in the Prem era using only their initials as clues? If you can identify them and answer our main question below, you could be a winner.

Q Of the players below who has picked up the most Prem assists for Everton (23)?

Let us know the name of that player by Thursday. Send your entry to sportsquiz-sm@the-sun.co.uk for a chance to win £50. (Winner's bank details will be required).

PLAYER	PL GAMES	
J B	15	25
T C	32	55
J G	114	2
D G	51	31
M F	141	119
T H	354	45
M H	18	111
A K	52	88
M K	229	1
R L	141	66
P N	242	263
J O'	14	2
W R	98	393
L S	97	86
M S	73	32
D V D B	7	35
A Y	63	192

LAST WEEK'S WINNER: Maeve O'Rourke, Market Rasen, Lincolnshire.
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Alvaro Ful of hope for trio

By ROB MATTHEWS

ALVARO ARBELOA is confident Fulham's deadline-day signings can kick-start their season.

The former Real Madrid boss has lost both of his Prem games in charge, falling 3-2 to Chelsea in their opener and then 1-0 at Sunderland last Sunday.

Arbeloa bolstered his squad on Tuesday by bringing in defender David Affengruber, 25, from LaLiga's Elche and 22-year-old midfielders Hugo Larsson and Manuel Angel, from Eintracht Frankfurt and Real respectively.

Sweden star Larsson has arrived on a season-long loan with an obligation to buy, while Affengruber cost £8.6million.

And £3m new-boy Angel is the third player to join from the Bernabeu this summer following Gonzalo Garcia and Cesar Palacios.

The Cottagers are looking to earn their first points of the season today when they host Crystal Palace – who have also lost their first two matches.

And Arbeloa *(inset)*, 43, said: "Hugo and Manuel are specific players that play there like a No8.

"We needed something there and both are quality players that will improve us.

"I know David from LaLiga very well. You will see he is a player that is strong, he has pace, he is very good with the ball and understands the game very well.

"He will help us a lot in the centre-back position. He is young but with experience.

"I am very happy with these three new players."

Despite his delight at the triple signings, Spaniard Arbeloa has called for fans to be patient.

He added: "It's a little bit early for these three players. David has been playing with Elche in the first games in LaLiga but Hugo, he played his last game on August 12.

"He wasn't involved in any other games. Manuel, the same. He didn't play in pre-season.

"These three players need a little bit of time.

"They just arrived, they will be in the squad but be patient.

"They need to understand what we want from them."

Meanwhile, Palace's new boss Pierre Sage has described Adam Wharton as "really smart" for staying at Selhurst Park.

The England midfielder, 22, was linked with both Manchester clubs, Liverpool and Chelsea during the transfer window.

And Sage admitted the Eagles rejected offers from unnamed Prem rivals and European clubs.

The Frenchman, 47, said: "The club was strong with his situation and the player is completely in line with that.

"He never spoke with me about a possible departure.

"Adam did the job every day without a bad mindset and that's why I understood quickly he wanted to stay with us.

"He is really smart to stay one more year and maybe more, because he has ten years playing after that."

Fulham v C Palace
3pm

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CHAMPIONSHIP

TODAY'S FIXTURES

(3pm unless stated)

- Burnley v Bristol City
- Lincoln v Southampton (12.30pm)
- Millwall v Bolton
- Portsmouth v Cardiff
- Preston v Blackburn (12.30pm)
- QPR v Middlesbrough
- Sheffield United v Norwich
- Stoke v Charlton (12.30pm)
- Swansea v Wrexham (8pm)
- West Brom v Watford
- West Ham v Derby

TOMORROW

- Birmingham v Wolves (12pm)

BACKS TO THE WALL

MILLWALL have lost their last two games by three or more goals — they last lost three in a row in December 2024, and last lost three in a row by 3+ goals in 1989, when they were in the top flight.

LIONS IN 1989

First Division		
Apr 22	West Ham (a)	L3-0
Apr 29	Tottenham (h)	L5-0
May 3	Nottm Forest (a)	L4-1

CURRENT RUN		
Aug 29	Southampton (a)	L5-1
Tuesday	Wrexham (h)	L3-0
Today	Bolton (h)	TBC

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swansea	4	3	1	0	7	1	10
QPR	4	3	1	0	7	3	10
Charlton	4	3	1	0	6	3	10
Wolves	4	2	1	1	11	8	7
Middlesbro	4	2	1	1	7	5	7
Bristol City	4	2	1	1	7	6	7
West Brom	4	2	1	1	7	6	7
Birmingham	4	1	3	0	5	4	6
Sheff Utd	4	1	3	0	5	4	6
Millwall	4	2	0	2	6	8	6
Wrexham	4	1	2	1	6	4	5
West Ham	4	1	2	1	8	7	5
Blackburn	4	1	2	1	5	5	5
Watford	4	1	2	1	4	5	5
Bolton	4	1	1	2	4	5	4
Derby	4	1	1	2	5	7	4
Lincoln City	4	1	1	2	3	5	4
Southampton	4	2	1	1	10	5	3
Cardiff	4	0	3	1	6	7	3
Norwich	4	1	0	3	5	7	3
Portsmouth	4	1	0	3	5	8	3
Stoke	4	1	0	3	4	9	3
Burnley	4	0	2	2	5	10	2
Preston	4	0	0	4	3	9	0

(Southampton deducted 4 points)

AFTER his two efforts on Tuesday, West Ham's Divine Mukasa, 19, has been directly involved in seven goals (four goals, three assists) in 12 second-tier starts in 2026 — the most of any teenager.

A BIT OF AI & LAWRIE

Vig hails machine Matos

LAWRENCE VIGOUROUX revealed how Swansea boss Vitor Matos turned his squad into a team of ruthless robots.

EXCLUSIVE by JUSTIN ALLEN

The Swans host Wrexham today in a high-voltage all-Welsh clash sitting top of the Championship after an unbeaten four-game start.

Tuesday night's 2-0 win over Watford – in which Vigouroux captained the side – was their third clean sheet in a row.

And the Swansea goalkeeper insists the secret behind their stingy defence is a manager who combines tactical perfection with genuine human warmth.

Portuguese boss Matos worked under Jurgen Klopp at Liverpool and has impressed since taking charge last season.

Vigouroux *(right)* told SunSport: "On the pitch, he has everyone almost like robots at the minute. Every single player knows their job and everyone else's.

"You can take players out, put different players in and everyone knows what's going on. That is a testament to the manager and the staff.

"First and foremost, he's a great human being.

"When my family went away to Antigua during pre-season, I was here alone for a month and he pulled me aside.

"He could see something wasn't right and offered me time off.

"Some managers would say, 'Get on with it,' but he has that human aspect in abundance and that's why he has the total respect of the players."

Tactical discipline in front of him has made life on the pitch much better for the 32-year-old stopper.

Matos has instilled a collective defensive spirit that starts right from the front strikers down to the back-four. While Wrexham head south brimming with confidence after their impressive 3-0 win at Millwall on Wednesday, Vigouroux knows keeping a cool head in South Wales will be crucial.

The Swans keeper said: "We haven't conceded many, but I haven't had many saves to make either.

"The credit goes to everyone in front of me working so hard.

"We know how important Saturday will be for the fans.

"Wrexham have good players and had a good result in the week, so they will come into it with confidence.

"It's going to be one of those games where we have to defend really well, limit them to minimal chances, and try to score at the other end.

"We just have to keep riding the wave."

It is a long way from seven years ago, when the Camden-born keeper took a leap into the unknown by moving 15 hours from home to play in Chile for Everton de Vina del Mar.

Landing right in the middle of severe civil unrest and riots in South America was a trial by fire that shaped his ironclad mental resilience.

The former Tottenham and Liverpool reserve keeper admitted: "Moving to Chile wasn't the best with what was going on out there, but it was an experience I'll never forget.

"Calling family back in London every day made me realise I needed to get back to the UK and get a club here."

Vigouroux has been capped by Chile nine times and most recently played in a friendly this summer against Portugal.

He added: "Playing international football for my dad's country has improved me so much too.

"Having my whole family out there to watch me play in the summer was an unbelievable feeling."

Representing Chile on the global stage allowed the former Leyton Orient and Burnley man to develop invaluable tactical maturity between the sticks.

Facing off against different styles of play across the globe has refined his distribution and composure on the ball.

Now thoroughly settled in South Wales, the London boy admits he has embraced the quieter pace of life.

He said: "I went back to London recently and it was just too busy! For a Camden boy to say that means I don't feel like I'm from London anymore. My family love it here."

Meanwhile, Vigouroux is excited about 21-year-old academy product and defender Filip Lissah, who has started all five league and cup games this season.

The London-born youngster has a Czech mum and Barbadian father and started his youth career at Chelsea before moving to South Wales.

Lissah spent last season on loan in Scotland with Falkirk before breaking in to the Swans team this season.

Vigouroux said: "There's quite a few young players that train with us, but Filip has been sensational in these first few games.

"The best thing about him is his mentality. With a lot of young kids, they might have one really good game, think they've cracked it and then drop off.

"But Fil is a very humble boy. He comes in early every single day, does his work, and puts that straight into games.

"He's come back from Scotland and fit straight in. He's been sensational.

"Nothing really phases him and he has got no limit. His ceiling is so high and I genuinely think he'll play in the Premier League."

Josh: Promotion is in the

RYAN REYNOLDS and Rob Mac might bring the Hollywood glamour — but Josh Windass knows tonight's all-Welsh clash at Swansea will be unscripted chaos.

EXCLUSIVE by JUSTIN ALLEN

Wrexham's Tinseltown co-owners are obsessed with pushing the club toward their Premier League dream.

While the cameras keep rolling for the hit Disney+ documentary Welcome to Wrexham, Windass insists the duo run a ruthless environment built solely around culture and winning.

The attacking midfielder told SunSport: "The team reflects them. They're superstars and you don't get that by luck.

"You get that from hard work and winning all the time.

"They don't accept anything less than a team full of winners. I know they care a lot more about culture than the result but, luckily, the two often go hand in hand.

"We're looking to get promoted this year, for sure."

The Red Dragons head south for a mouthwatering Championship clash against the early league leaders.

Windass, 32, is back in the fold after recovering from an injury setback.

He made his comeback off the bench in Saturday's 2-1 defeat at Birmingham, before starting the impressive 3-0 win at Millwall on Tuesday.

It is Wrexham's second all-Welsh affair of the campaign after opening the season with a 1-1 draw at Cardiff – where Phil Parkinson's side were denied victory by Rubin Colwill's 98th-minute free-kick.

While Swans fans will be screaming abuse from the stands, playmaker Windass thrives on silencing hostile crowds – although he insists he will not lose his head if he bags a late winner.

Asked if his cool-guy celebration rule would still hold this weekend, he added: "Probably, yes! I won't be doing too much. It's just the way I am.

"People ask me all the time – but when I score I just don't get the urge to run around.

"As players, you want to play in as big a game as possible.

"If fans don't like you when you're playing against them but at the same time want you on their team, it's always a bonus. They don't want to watch

WELSH RAREHIT

SWANSEA have only won one of the last 11 games against Wrexham — but will be hoping to carry on their best start since their return to the Championship.

LAST 11 MEETINGS

Dec 11, 1993	Wrexham	3-2	Swansea
Nov 26, 1994	Wrexham	4-1	Swansea
Feb 4, 1995	Swansea	0-0	Wrexham
Oct 28, 1995	Wrexham	1-0	Swansea
Apr 6, 1996	Swansea	1-3	Wrexham
Oct 21, 2000	Wrexham	1-0	Swansea
Apr 24, 2001	Swansea	0-1	Wrexham
Sep 14, 2002	Wrexham	4-0	Swansea
Mar 1, 2003	Swansea	0-0	Wrexham
Dec 19, 2025	Swansea	2-1	Wrexham
Mar 13, 2026	Wrexham	2-0	Swansea

Swansea wins 1 | Draws 2 | Wrexham wins 8

SWANSEA AFTER FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

	Pts	Final pos
2026-27	10	TBC
2020-21	10	4th
2019-20	10	6th
2018-19	8	10th
2025-26	7	11th
2022-23	5	10th
2024-25	4	11th
2021-22	4	15th
2023-24	2	14th

ROBOT WARS . . . Swansea boss Matos, who worked under Klopp at Liverpool (left), enjoys a close bond with his players

script for us this season

boring players. They want to go there and get taken off their seat."

The former Sheffield Wednesday star knows keeping a level head will be crucial in South Wales.

Having experienced the intense heat of the Old Firm and Steel City derbies with Rangers and the Owls, Windass understands quality trumps chaos every time.

He said: "You can't be running around 100 miles an hour in these games.

"You've got to put your foot on the ball and let your quality shine through.

"You can run, tackle and do all these things – but if you've got no quality, you won't win.

"These games mean a little bit more to the fans, so you want to try and be at your best for them.

"But it's one game out of 46 – it doesn't decide how the season's going to go or if you're going to get promoted."

That winning mentality is shared across the Wrexham dressing room, which is packed full of experienced pros who take control on the pitch.

Windass, the son of Hull's legendary striker Dean Windass, explained: "We've got a lot of experienced players.

"We've got Matty James, who's won the Premier League with Leicester and a lot of the boys lean to him as a father figure.

"We've got a team of men who, if something's going wrong on the pitch, can change it ourselves. We make the gaffer's job much easier."

Windass made a massive impact at Wrexham last season, his first with the club after moving from Hillsborough. And the man who famously scored a last-minute extra-time Wembley winner to send Wednesday up to the Championship in 2023, admitted he is driven by providing magic on the big stage.

He revealed: "I know my abilities. I prepare diligently for every game, every week, every training session.

"I believe I'm a moments player. I feel like I provide moments for people that go away happy. On the whole, I feel like I can impact games at a high level."

Reflecting on his unforgettable Wembley heroics, Windass added: "We got relegated because of a points deduction after the chairman messed up, so shouldn't have ever been in League One.

"Then we got promoted at the end of it – and my money doubled back up, so I was buzzing!"

THEY'RE AIMING HIGH . . . Reynolds (left) and Windass

NUNO . . . promotion bid

Just so tough in tier two, says Nu

By JUSTIN ALLEN

NUNO ESPIRITO SANTO lifted the lid on the mental and physical toll of trying to bounce straight back to the Prem.

West Ham host Derby today looking to build continuity after a summer of chaotic squad turnover.

Midweek relief arrived with a much-needed 4-2 victory against Wolves — but Irons boss Nuno insists a top-flight return remains a brutal challenge.

And he pointed out how fellow relegated clubs Burnley and Wolves have struggled to adapt to the Championship grind.

Nuno said: "Through my experience, when you get relegated to go again, it's a big, big challenge — one we want to embrace.

"I see this season how hard it has been on the other relegated teams.

"The gap between the games is not the same. It's much shorter, much more demanding, with a lot of travelling.

"Playing every few days is tough. It needs rotation, it needs understanding, it needs planning."

Getting that win against Wolves provided a vital shot in the arm for the Hammers dressing room.

Nuno admitted: "It helps a lot. It helps the atmosphere and the legs recover faster."

However, Nuno admits life in the second tier is made twice as difficult because every opponent treats playing West Ham as their biggest game of the season.

He added: "We are the team to beat. When teams face us, for example, they have this ambition, which makes our task harder.

"It's the same as when we go and play a big club."

Despite a hectic transfer window that saw nine new arrivals, Nuno has so far managed to keep hold of midfielders Soungoutou Magassa and Edson Alvarez despite intense noise surrounding their futures.

There is still a wait to be certain they will remain at the club, with the Saudi league still open for business.

And Nuno believes keeping that core together alongside fresh talent is what will get the Hammers over the promotion line.

Nuno said: "It was a tough transfer window, with a lot of noise. But we took our time, we brought in players with purpose.

"The talent we have and the players that joined, they're going to help us.

"Reaching the Premier League is our goal. We don't have any thing else in our mind."

Keep trying

JOE GO AFTER RUGBY SNUB

By JUSTIN ALLEN

JOE TAYLOR almost traded cold non-league changing rooms for a career in rugby union.

Now he has been firing Huddersfield to the top of League One as one of the EFL's hottest strikers.

The 23-year-old has bagged five goals in his last three games ahead of today's clash with Notts County.

Yet Taylor admits he was on the brink of walking away from football altogether before his big break at Peterborough.

The hitman was turning out for non-league side Wroxham and exploring a switch to rugby union as a full-back when his fortunes flipped.

He told SunSport: "I didn't really have a career path. I got to a point where I was looking at other options.

"I played a bit of rugby union as a full-back. But everything kept gravitating back to football.

"I've always been confident and believed in my ability, but when you're down there, it's hard to even think about becoming a pro.

"Thankfully, I earned my move to Peterborough and it's gone up and up from there."

A dream move to Luton Town followed — winning promotion to the Premier League at Wembley three years ago — before prolific loan spells at Colchester and Lincoln earned him a £3million move to Huddersfield in 2025.

Ironically the town is the birthplace of the other code of rugby — league.

After a tough first year in West Yorkshire, Taylor was shipped out to Wigan last season, scoring 11 goals in 21 games.

He credits Ryan Lowe and then Gary Caldwell for reviving his career with the Latics.

Taylor said: "I was in a low space last January. I owe a lot to Ryan, who signed me, then Gary for giving me a platform to show what I can do."

Rebuilding his confidence, Taylor returned to the Terriers in the summer and was linked with Championship sides Norwich, Ipswich and Stoke, while Gent in Belgium were also said to be interested.

Instead of being distracted, the ex-Luton forward chose to put down roots — with boss Martin Drury placing total faith in him.

Taylor *(below)* added: "I see the speculation but never read into it unless it comes via my agent or the club.

"I finished last season strongly so it was natural. But coming in for pre-season, I had no doubt this was where I wanted to play.

"All my best bits have come on loan. Now it's about finding my roots and having a full season at one place."

His red-hot form has made him a fans' favourite at the Accu Stadium. Taylor earned a standing ovation after scoring twice in Tuesday's 3-1 win against Oxford.

He said: "To hit the ground running like I have, and to have them all cheering, was amazing.

"Our fans are terrific. They come out in numbers every week and were brilliant from minute one to 95."

The Terriers welcome County brimming with belief.

And Taylor insists the League One leaders have no reason to fear anyone.

He said: "We're a positive group. We believe if we are at our best, we have too much for anyone in this division.

"We respect County. They are a big club, but if we hit our level, I believe we'll have too much."

That unshakeable confidence is shared across the dressing room as they target a return to the Championship.

Taylor added: "The season's only just started but I'm a big believer in what we've got.

"We've got a real good network around us. I believe we have got what it takes as a squad to achieve something.

"If I didn't have that belief in the players and staff, I might as well not bother. We're in good form and I thoroughly believe we will achieve something."

TAYLOR SWIFT . . . Town fans have quickly taken to Joe Taylor after he scored twice against Oxford to make it five goals in as many games

POSH'S NEW LUKE

By JAKE SANDERS

LUKE WILLIAMS says Peterborough's "incredible" meltdown when they last played Sheffield Wednesday will have no bearing today.

Posh host the Owls for the first time since they built up a 4-0 first-leg lead in the 2023 League One play-offs.

The Owls hit back to win 5-1 at Hillsborough in one of the greatest comebacks in play-off history, before progressing on penalties to shatter Peterborough's promotion hopes.

Current Posh boss Williams, who was Notts County manager at the time, said: "We don't have anyone still involved from that day so for that reason, it won't have so much as an impact.

"It was incredible, I was away with my staff in Palma and it was as if I went away and when I came back there had been four goals. It was bizarre and crazy.

"I am sure that would have some effect on anyone involved in that but this group are protected by the fact they have no knowledge of it."

Posh have collected just four points from their opening four League One games, while Wednesday are second following three wins in four.

The Owls are set to be backed by nearly 4,000 travelling fans at London Road.

And Williams, 45, added: "It's a real challenge.

"They have some very good players, I have worked with a few of them. They are a very talented group. We couldn't be happier because it's a great game for us and a big club coming to play us.

"I expect a big crowd so it's a brilliant fixture for the level.

"They have quality on the pitch but also a sophisticated way of evolving their shape when they defend and attack, which causes a lot of problems.

"We expect to face a very well-organised team.

"They will be one of the favourites for promotion.

"We will be doing our very best to make sure we first give our fans something to cheer and quieten the travelling fans and then that we are in the game and looking like we are there to win and attack.

"It's easier said than done but that will be the intention."

UP FOR OWLS . . . Peterborough boss Williams

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LEAGUE ONE

TODAY'S FIXTURES
(3pm unless stated)

- Barnsley v Stevenage
- Bradford v Mansfield
- Burton v Cambridge
- Doncaster v Plymouth
- Huddersfield v Notts County
- Leicester v Oxford
- Luton v Leyton Orient
- Peterborough v Sheff Wed (12.30pm)
- Reading v Blackpool
- Wigan v Stockport (12.30pm)
- Wycombe v MK Dons

MONDAY

- Bromley v AFC Wimbledon (8pm)

IT'S TWO GOOD

LUTON have scored two or more goals in each of their last 11 league games — their longest ever run in the Football League.

LUTON'S LAST 11 LEAGUE GAMES

Apr 3	Peterborough (h)	W2-1
Apr 6	AFC Wimbledon (a)	W3-0
Apr 15	Northampton (h)	W2-1
Apr 18	Mansfield (a)	D2-2
Apr 21	Rotherham (a)	W2-0
Apr 25	Barnsley (h)	W2-1
May 2	Bolton (a)	W3-2
Aug 15	Reading (a)	W4-3
Aug 22	Notts County (h)	D2-2
Aug 30	Mansfield (a)	L5-2
Sep 2	Stockport (h)	W2-0

P11 W8 D2 L1 F26 A17

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Huddersfield	4	3	1	0	9	3	10
Sheff Wed	4	3	0	1	11	5	9
Blackpool	4	2	1	1	8	4	7
Burton Albion	4	2	1	1	8	5	7
Barnsley	4	2	1	1	5	3	7
Cambridge	4	2	1	1	7	6	7
Luton	4	2	1	1	10	10	7
Leyton Orient	4	2	0	2	9	5	6
Stockport Cty	4	2	0	2	9	6	6
Notts County	4	1	3	0	6	5	6
Bradford	4	2	0	2	4	4	6
Mansfield	4	2	0	2	8	10	6
Leicester	4	1	2	1	4	3	5
Reading	3	1	1	1	8	4	4
Oxford Utd	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
Plymouth	4	1	1	2	4	6	4
AFC Wimbledn	4	1	1	2	2	7	4
Peterborough	4	1	1	2	2	7	4
Bromley	4	1	1	2	4	13	4
Doncaster	4	0	3	1	4	5	3
Stevenage	4	0	3	1	4	5	3
Wigan	4	1	0	3	5	7	3
MK Dons	4	0	3	1	4	6	3
Wycombe	4	0	2	2	4	9	2

WIGAN boss Gary Caldwell has lost all four of his games against today's opponents Stockport as a manager — only against Bolton (five) has the Scot lost more times.

His Exeter side failed to score in three matches, while the Latics lost out 4-2 in his second game back in charge in February.

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OLL OR NOTHING

Ex marks the spot for Watkins

GRECIAN EARN . . . Ollie Watkins' move to Al-Hilal made his former club Exeter £2million

EXCLUSIVE by JUSTIN ALLEN

OLLIE WATKINS earned Exeter a tidy windfall with his move to the Saudi Pro League.

The League Two side pocketed nearly £2million after the 30-year-old England striker joined Al-Hilal from Aston Villa for £51m on Sunday

The sell-on clause follows Watkins' 2017 move from Exeter to Brentford before his subsequent switch to Villa.

Yet Grecians boss Matt Taylor revealed Watkins came close to being dumped on football's scrapheap.

He told SunSport: "It was in the balance whether Ollie would have a football career, let alone one at Premier League or international level.

"If he had been released at 18 or 19 years of age, I don't know if he'd have had a career. That's how fine the margins are."

Struggling for an identity at St James Park, there were still doubts after the skinny teen was loaned to non-league Weston-super-Mare to learn the ropes.

Taylor explained: "Ollie had played in every position but never been an out-and-out No9.

"There were times in that off-season where questions were being asked as to would it be another loan? Would he be released?"

The turning point came when Watkins returned for pre-season transformed having packed on half a stone of lean muscle.

Taylor recalled: "He came back like a thoroughbred horse. It was incredible. All of a sudden, he would out-jump and out-run defenders.

"After that, the manager Paul Tisdale could see him leading the line as a centre-forward."

Watkins never looked back from his stunning stoppage-time winner against bitter rivals Plymouth in 2016.

Taylor added: "That was when he announced himself on the first-team stage. For the next 12 months, he was almost unplayable, the main man.

"Once these young players get that prestige and responsibility, you can see them grow naturally.

"Suddenly he wasn't a skinny 18-year-old any more.

"He was a 20-year-old man who could outrun and outfight a lot of opponents and had a fantastic skillset."

Exeter's academy also produced the likes of Jay Stansfield, Matt Grimes and Ethan Ampadu.

Taylor said: "The biggest attribute of players we've sold was their mentality.

"We might have been playing League Two and League One, but these were already elite professionals at that point. That's the upbringing from their parents, their families, and the support the academy has given them.

"We produce good people, good professionals and good players – but you have to be patient with young players.

"We usually hold on to them for longer than other clubs – that's why Ollie was able to flourish."

Taylor returned to take charge of Exeter for a second spell in March having encountered the harsh realities of management after tough spells at Rotherham and Bristol Rovers.

He said: "We're not called managers any more, we're called head coaches.

"We're not the most important people in the building. Unfortunately, there's a director of football, a technical director, a head of recruitment and various people at board level.

"You have family members in the boardroom who think they are football managers."

Taylor was axed in 2023, months after keeping Rotherham up on the Championship's lowest budget.

He added: "I don't understand why people don't give managers or head coaches longer.

"It seems easier to change the head coach than the players or the staff.

"The truth is, in a league of 24, where your budget is will probably be close to where you're going to finish.

"So expectation as opposed to reality can be misguided."

Exeter, who host Walsall today, have had a reset with 13 senior players leaving after relegation last season.

Taylor's squad is now mainly made up of academy products, who he tells: "We won't make you rich – but getting you the move upwards off the back of being with us will do.

"With that comes a financial reward. But if a player comes to Exeter and is not humble, they will not be successful.

"We have to be creative in terms of recruitment. We can't compete financially. Steve Perryman used to say our pound has got to be worth two.

"It means we've got to go above and beyond and get the most out of each other as people."

OL-HILAL . . . Watkins playing for Saudi side

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LEAGUE TWO

TODAY'S FIXTURES
(3pm unless stated)

- Accrington v Crawley
- Bristol Rovers v Rotherham
- Cheltenham v Grimsby
- Chesterfield v Barnet
- Crewe v York
- Exeter v Walsall
- Fleetwood v Shrewsbury (12.30pm)
- Northampton v Newport
- Rochdale v Gillingham
- Salford v Port Vale (12.30pm)
- Swindon v Colchester
- Tranmere v Oldham

GAS COOKING

BRISTOL ROVERS have won their last nine home league games — only twice before (1935 and 2016) have they ever recorded ten successive home victories, ahead of today's visit of Rotherham.

ROVERS' LAST NINE AT HOME

Feb 21	Grimsby	W3-1
Mar 7	Crewe	W2-1
Mar 17	Shrewsbury	W1-0
Mar 28	Accrington	W2-0
Apr 3	Fleetwood	W1-0
Apr 11	Crawley	W3-1
Apr 25	Cheltenham	W4-0
Aug 22	Newport	W5-3
Sep 1	Colchester	W2-0

(league games only)

P9	W9	D0	L0	F23	A6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol Rovers	4	3	0	1	11	6	9
Barnet	4	2	2	0	9	5	8
Walsall	4	2	2	0	8	4	8
Crewe	4	2	2	0	4	2	8
Oldham	4	2	1	1	7	3	7
Cheltenham	4	2	1	1	8	7	7
York	4	2	1	1	8	7	7
Colchester	4	2	1	1	5	5	7
Swindon	4	2	1	1	5	5	7
Tranmere	4	1	3	0	7	5	6
Grimsby	4	1	3	0	5	4	6
Fleetwood	4	1	3	0	4	3	6
Rotherham	4	1	2	1	6	6	5
Newport Cty	4	1	1	2	9	9	4
Exeter	4	1	1	2	4	4	4
Chesterfield	4	1	1	2	3	4	4
Crawley Town	4	1	1	2	3	5	4
Northampton	4	0	3	1	2	3	3
Rochdale	4	1	0	3	4	6	3
Salford City	4	1	0	3	3	6	3
Gillingham	4	0	3	1	2	5	3
Shrewsbury	4	1	0	3	2	8	3
Accrington	4	0	2	2	6	9	2
Port Vale	4	0	2	2	2	6	2

GRIMSBY winger Jamie Walker has been directly involved in four goals in three games against Cheltenham — including a double in last season's 7-1 home victory.

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Blues' pulling power

TUG OF LOVE . . . McCabe is all smiles after joining the Blues but she has history with Thompson (left)

KATIE FOCUS ON HAIR AND NOW

Chelsea v Aston Villa

12.30pm, BBC One

EXCLUSIVE
By EMILLIA HAWKINS

KATIE McCABE knew she was going to be a Blue when Chelsea came calling.

Even though the move saw her going to Arsenal's biggest rivals to play with someone whose hair she pulled last season!

After spending 11 years with the Gunners and winning every club trophy available, she decided at the end of last season that it was time to move on.

The 30-year-old says it was an easy decision to make when Chelsea entered the picture, despite also being linked with WSL champions Manchester City.

She said: "Coming to the end of my contract, I knew it was the right time for a new challenge and chapter in my career."

McCabe revealed talks with Blues boss Sonia Bompastor made the decision even easier.

She added: "She's an excellent manager in terms of what she's won – but also as a player, too.

"She's been there and done it as a top player, so having had those conversations – understanding what she wants and the expectations – was very important for me.

"I think it suited us both. I was happy to get the deal over the line and get going as a Chelsea player."

There was no hard sell from Bompastor, though, because the illustrious history of Chelsea speaks for itself.

McCabe said: "There's no selling Chelsea as a club.

"Chelsea have built up over the years with the amount of trophies they've won, how big they are in the WSL and Europe.

"There was no selling Chelsea, it was just more so understanding what Sonia wanted, the expectations and, obviously, me being able to bring what I bring to the team as a player."

The move keeps McCabe playing at the highest level, a key factor with the Women's World Cup coming up next summer.

She continued: "I wanted to maintain the level I was at in terms of challenging for the Champions League, the league, the FA Cup.

"That was the most important thing for me, and having spoken to the club and spoken to Sonia, it was the best for me."

McCabe has been welcomed with open arms since joining up with the team in July – even by Alyssa Thompson, whose hair McCabe pulled in a match last year.

A pre-season tour to Australia and New Zealand has strengthened bonds.

Initiations took place – but the Ireland captain would not let slip what exactly happened.

She said: "It's a new thing coming into a new team for me, but the girls have been excellent in terms of welcoming me in.

"It's been all go from the start, just getting to know each other on and off the pitch.

"I've come up against these players a lot in the last few years, so I know a lot of their strengths and weaknesses.

"But that's the beauty of pre-season, just getting to know team-mates on a personal level.

"The tour helped towards that for a couple of the new players in the team."

McCabe's leadership qualities both on and off the pitch impressed at Arsenal.

Those qualities also saw her become the youngest-ever Ireland captain at 21 almost a decade ago.

She hopes to bring that leadership to Stamford Bridge in time.

The defender said: "For me, it's coming in, getting my head down to work, earning the respect of my team-mates and showing everybody that I want to work hard for the club and for each one of my team-mates as well.

"I want to step on the pitch, and with that you grow into your role – whatever that may be in the team.

"We haven't started the league season yet, so it's hard to predict what that will be.

"But when I get the opportunity on the pitch, I'll always bring my experience, my leadership and my qualities on the ball. We'll see how things go over the next few weeks once we kick-start the season.

"But it was definitely about just making sure I was getting to work and earning the respect of each one of my team-mates."

Chelsea start their WSL season at home to Aston Villa today.

Games against Manchester United and Birmingham follow before Arsenal visit Stamford Bridge.

However, McCabe is not thinking about facing her old team just yet – just her new side.

She added: "For me, it's all about the team.

"It's about getting momentum at the start of the season and getting wins under our belt.

"It's always about trophies and how well we're performing as a team."

OH NO! . . . United's Zigiotti (below) turns ball into her own net

LIONESSES ROAR

By VIC HOLLY

LONDON CITY LIONESSES kicked off the new season in style by claiming their biggest-ever WSL scalp.

Manchester United defender Julia Zigiotti Olme headed in an own goal on nine minutes before London City's Dutch star Danielle van de Donk sealed victory for the hosts with a fine late finish.

Simi Awujo scored a last-gasp consolation in front of a sold-out crowd of more than 5,000 at Bromley's Hayes Lane – but it was too late to save new Red Devils boss Eva Olid from defeat.

In the women's Champions League, 2025 winners Arsenal were drawn to face holders Barcelona in the league phase.

Chelsea boss Sonia Bompastor returns to old club Lyon, while WSL champs Manchester City will play Real Madrid.

London City.....2
Manchester Utd.....1

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OPENING FIXTURES

TODAY

Chelsea v Aston Villa (12.30pm)

TOMORROW

Brighton v Arsenal (12pm)
Charlton v Liverpool (2pm)
Crystal Palace v Everton (2pm)
Man City v Birmingham (2.30pm)
Tottenham v West Ham (12pm)

LAST SEASON'S TABLE

		P	GD	Pts
1	Manchester City	22	+43	55
2	Arsenal	22	+39	51
3	Chelsea	22	+24	49
4	Manchester Utd	22	+16	40
5	Tottenham	22	-3	36
6	London City Lionesses	22	-7	27
7	Brighton	22	-1	26
8	Everton	22	-12	23
9	Aston Villa	22	-20	20
10	West Ham	22	-25	19
11	Liverpool	22	-13	17
12	Leicester	22	-41	9

THE NEW ARRIVALS

BIRMINGHAM
Home ground: St Andrew's
Last season: WSL2 1st

CHARLTON
Home ground: The Valley
Last season: WSL2 3rd
Beat Leicester in play-off

CRYSTAL PALACE
Home ground: Gander Green Lane
Last season: WSL2 2nd

LAST SEASON'S TOP SCORERS

Khadija Shaw		21
Alessia Russo		13
Kirsty Hanson		12
Stina Blackstenius		10
Vivianne Miedema		10
Kerolin		9

CLEAN SHEETS

Hannah Hampton		8
Phallon Tullis-Joyce		7
Ayaka Yamashita		7
Anneke Borbe		6
Lize Kop		6
Chiamaka Nnadozie		6

THERE were only seven yellow cards in the 132 WSL matches last season — an average of just 0.05 per game.

Chelsea's men had more (eight) on their own in the Premier League.